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COMMENT OF THE DAY



An outstanding woman

THE news of Countess Mountbatten's sudden death on Sunday morning was received with shock and sorrow in many parts of the world. Hongkong has been quick to associate itself with the condolences offered to her family for she was well-known and well-liked here. She was a remarkable woman in many ways and the vigour and stamina she displayed in her many world tours were widely admired and envied. Lady Mountbatten demonstrated clearly that she regarded her work as superintending-in-chief of the St. John Ambulance Brigade as no sinecure. Nor was she content merely to make appearances in her distinctive and handsome uniform though as Hongkong knows she cut a dashing figure on parades and inspection tours. She knew her job thoroughly and set high and very demanding standards. And the Brigade obviously owes much to the supervision she has given it.

SOME pointer to her adventurous spirit and her adventurous life was provided by her biography. She was an heiress, yet chose no easy path to social fame and distinction. She has travelled widely but again she shunned the comfort and luxury which her huge fortune entitled her to.

Her most daring and perhaps also most interesting passage was as a member of a coast guard on a charting expedition in the South Pacific. In addition she has motored through the deserts of the Middle East, travelled in Russia and China, and flown in mail planes long before they were regarded as a safe and convenient mode of travel.

As the wife of the last Viceroy of India, Lady Mountbatten endeared herself to the Indian people during the difficult period of transition from dominion to republic. Mr Nehru and many of his countrymen remember her with affection and respect.

THE China Mail published yesterday one of the last photographs taken of her. It was a characteristic shot showing her in tropical uniform, smiling cheerfully at a young patient in a Singapore hospital. It illustrated that charm, enthusiasm and genuine interest she has always given to her work. And the medal ribbons she wears are a testimony to her wide success in many assignments.

Lady Mountbatten was to have arrived in Hongkong yesterday afternoon on yet another tour of inspection. The news of her passing was the reflection of the high regard in which she was held by the people of this Colony that a memorial service is to be held in the Cathedral next week. The condolences of the people of Hongkong go out to Lord Mountbatten and his family at the passing of a devoted wife and mother who was also one of Britain's most outstanding women.

FISHERMEN CHASED INTO HK WATERS AND RECAPTURED

Desperate bid to flee mainland

By A CHINA MAIL REPORTER

An armed Chinese boat chased a fleeing junk across Mirs Bay into Tap Mun waters, recapturing about 30 fisherfolk at gunpoint early on Monday morning according to local reports.

The Communists followed the fleeing group and landed on a beach opposite Tap Mun island at Tolo Harbour entrance.

They rounded up the escapees at the point of sub-machine guns and rifles, towing them away in a three-masted fishing vessel. The search took about half an hour.

Local fishermen going out to sea heard a series of gun shots at about 9 a.m. They made a report at the Taiipo police station.

Two of the escapees, a fisherman about 40, and a boy about 10, who successfully avoided the Communist search by hiding in the hills were brought to Taiipo police station at midnight yesterday.

The fisherfolk trying to flee from China included women as well as children.

Tried to help and was hit says clerk

A Chinese clerk alleged at Central Magistracy this morning, that a man he had tried to help had assaulted him and chased him with a chair.

Chan Kar-chuen, a clerk of the Mandarin Textiles, was testifying before Mr K. A. S. Phillips in the case against a 30-year-old German, Werner Jannings, of 23 Cooper Road.

Jannings is charged with common assault, malicious damage and resisting a police officer in the execution of his duties.

Chan testified that at about 10.15 p.m. on January 29 he was on the first floor of the Lok Yuen Tea-house at 142 Queen's Road East, when he heard a commotion downstairs.

He went down to investigate and saw the defendant making a telephone call. He asked defendant whether he needed help and defendant said he was looking for his girlfriend. Chan said, when he told Jannings he did not know where she was, the latter assaulted him and chased him with a chair.

Chan said he later saw Jannings smash some wine bottles. Witness said sometime later the police arrived and took defendant away.

Mr P. J. Griffiths of Wilkinson and Grist is appearing for the defendant. Detective Sub-Inspector M. P. Groom is prosecuting.

Hearing is continuing.

Asians not invited to summit talks

London, Feb. 23. British officials said here today there was no chance of Asian representatives being invited to the East-West summit conference beginning in Paris on May 16.

They were commenting on a call by President Sukarno in Indonesia, yesterday for "The Voice of Asia" to be heard in the summit meeting and for the Afro-Asian group to be invited.

The May summit conference, which is not expected to discuss Asian affairs, will be attended by the United States, Britain, France and Soviet Union because those are the powers which primarily defeated Germany in the last war, the officials said.—Reuters.

Burning match starts freak blaze in lift

By CHINA MAIL REPORTER

A careless flick of a still burning match started an unusual fire in a big city building this morning.

An off-duty telephone operator on his way down in the lift from the fourth floor of Telephone House, struck a match to light a cigarette.

He threw the match away. It became lodged in the slot of a ventilating panel in the lift.

An office worker in Telephone House said: "Either because of the lubrication oil outside the panel or for some other unexplained reason, the blaze spread quickly."

"A lot of smoke went up the lift well and we had to smash the glass panel on the rooftop to let it out."

The liftman stopped the fire with extinguishers. With the help of passengers who also used extinguishers they put the fire out in ten minutes.

Three people were inside the lift when the blaze started.

Plane blown up by charge of dynamite

Washington, Feb. 23.

The Civil Aeronautics Board said today that a dynamite explosion caused the crash of a national airlines plane near Wilmington, North Carolina, last January 6 with the loss of 34 lives.

Mr James R. Durfee, Chairman of the CAB, in an interim report to the Senate Aviation sub-committee, said investigators had evidence indicating that the explosion was started electrically by a dry cell battery and occurred in the passenger cabin near a seat occupied by Julian Frank, who died in the crash.

Investigators checked the affairs of Frank, a New York lawyer, when it was found that he carried accident and life insurance of more than \$357,000.

Mr Durfee said the Government's investigation of the crash was incomplete, and that he was giving the Senate sub-committee a synopsis of facts developed and not a formal determination of probable cause.

The formal determination would be made by the CAB at the end of the investigation.

The aircraft, a DC-6B, carried 29 passengers and a crew of five.

Mr Durfee announced that a public hearing would be held at Wilmington on March 22.—Reuters.

A lamb with two heads

Eastbourne, Feb. 23. A freak lamb—with a perfectly formed body and two perfectly formed heads each supported on separate necks—was born near here tonight. The lamb later died.

Lewis Pyle on whose farm the lamb was born, said: "It was one of 60 born on our farm tonight and in all my years of farming I have never seen anything like this."

He said: "Each of the twin necks supported a head which had perfect features. Each head had eyes, ears, horns, and a mouth."—Reuters.

Tragedy hits again at the Mountbattens

LOUIS' COUSIN DIES

London, Feb. 23.

Tragedy struck again at the Mountbattens today—at the proudest period in the family's history.

For the second time within 48 hours, a leading member of the family died, clouding the celebrations over the birth of a second son to the Queen last Friday.

Today the 73-year-old Marquess of Carisbrooke died in his sleep, just as Countess Mountbatten, 59, his cousin by marriage, died on Sunday morning in Borneo.

Deep grief

The two deaths have brought a sudden shock and a deep grief to a family which only four days ago was celebrating the birth of the first Mountbatten-Windsor.

That is the "hidden" surname which the second son of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will bear.

He will not use it during his lifetime as he will have the title of "Prince" and probably be created Duke of York. But any untitled grandchildren he has will be known as "Mr" or "Miss" Mountbatten-Windsor.

The Queen made this decision 11 days before the birth of her third child as a compliment to her husband, the former Prince Philip of Greece, who took the surname Mountbatten on assuming British nationality in 1947.

Special pride

There can be no doubt that the birth of the first "Mountbatten-Windsor" gave special pride to Earl Mountbatten of Burma, uncle of the Duke of Edinburgh and the best known member of the family.

On Friday, the new Prince brought fresh pride and a hope of perpetuating their name to the Mountbattens, who themselves have had only two daughters.

Today the Earl, chief of Britain's defence staff and former Viceroy and Governor-General of India, is mourning the loss of a wife and cousin.

Coincidence has heightened the shock of the two deaths for this ancient and wealthy family.

On Sunday morning, the younger daughter of Earl and Countess Mountbatten, Lady Pamela Hicks, 30, returned to London from a Caribbean honeymoon to be told of her mother's sudden death.

Collapsed

Today, Lady Iris Mountbatten, 40-year-old only daughter of the Marquess of Carisbrooke, arrived at London airport for the funeral of the Countess.

She almost collapsed with grief when told that her father had died early this morning while she was flying across the Atlantic.

The title, Marquess of Carisbrooke, now becomes extinct as it cannot pass to Lady Iris or her two-year-old son. Her two marriages have been dissolved and she lives in New York.—Reuters.

The Queen's reply to Hongkong

The Governor Sir Robert Black this morning received the following message from the Secretary of State for the Colonies: "I am commanded by the Queen to convey to you and the people of Hongkong Her Majesty's and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh's sincere thanks for your kind congratulations on the birth of their son."

Violence in the 'Murder Mile'

Nicosia, Feb. 23. A bomb exploded on Nicosia's infamous "murder mile" tonight as the British Colonial Office Under-Secretary, Mr Julian Amery, arrived for more talks on the Cyprus deadlock.

The bomb, which shattered shop windows on the street where terrorists cut down victims after violence during Cyprus' fight for independence, was the first real outbreak of violence since the Zurich agreements pledging independence were reached.

First reports mentioned no casualties.

Mr Amery flew into Cyprus for a renewal of talks aimed at breaking the deadlock which already has postponed the date of Cyprus' independence.

AMERY ARRIVES

Mr Amery was understood to be planning to meet the Governor, Sir Hugh Foot, tomorrow.

Sources close to the British Consul, Turkish Vice-President-Elect, said there were no arrangements for joint talks with President-Elect Archbishop Makarios before Thursday.

The bomb was touched off in central Nicosia, at almost the same moment as Mr Amery's Royal Air Force Comet touched down at Nicosia airport.

Another bomb exploded in the city of Paphos, heavily damaging the Mayor's home. Police declined to comment on whether the bomb—the second attempt against the Mayor's house in two weeks—had political significance.—UPI.

Liquidation? No, sir, evolution!

London, Feb. 23. Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, today contested the opinion of a former opposition Labour Colonial Secretary, Mr Arthur Creech Jones, that the British Empire was being "liquidated."

Mr Macmillan told the House of Commons he did not know whether that precise aspect of the "gradual evolution towards self-government" should properly be described as the liquidation of the Colonial Empire.

"I would have said it was moving on through progress to a position which had long been envisaged and had always been our objective," he added.

Mr Creech Jones made his remark when commenting on a suggestion by Mr Charles Fletcher-Cooke, a Conservative, that the Colonial Secretary should have an official residence—as distinct from his place of work.

NOT RIGHT

Hundreds of colonial visitors came from all quarters of the globe, Mr Fletcher-Cooke said. It was not right that the Colonial Secretary should be expected to entertain them in a relatively small flat with relatively little domestic help "in the cold splendours of Lancaster House."

Mr Macmillan said to provide more official residences for ministers raised important considerations chiefly of historical tradition.

Mr Creech Jones then said some members on both sides of the House had been engaged for the past 15 years at least in the liquidation of the British Colonial Empire.

"If any official residence is called for surely it should be for the Commonwealth Relations Department," he said.—Reuters.

Budget extra

The China Mail will publish today a third, Late Final Extra edition giving details of the Hongkong budget for 1960. It will be on sale soon after 4.30 p.m.

Only family to attend Countess' burial

London, Feb. 23. A Royal Navy frigate will accompany the Wakeful when she carries the body of Countess Mountbatten for burial at sea from Portsmouth on Thursday.

The funeral at sea will be attended only by Lady Mountbatten's family and the Duke of Edinburgh.

An appeal has been issued here that, instead of flowers, donations may be sent to the St. John Ambulance Brigade or to the Save the Children Fund, on whose behalf Countess Mountbatten had undertaken her Far East tour.—AFP.

Lady Churchill's refugee fund over £50,000

London, Feb. 23. Lady Churchill's Christmas radio appeal here for world refugees has so far raised the record sum of £50,004 it was announced today. Contributions are still coming in.

The previous record, still the highest for a television appeal, was £29,007 raised by Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery last June, also for world refugees.—China Mail Special.

IKE IN SOUTH AMERICA

BRAZIL: AWKWARD BUT FRIENDLY

Brasilia, Feb. 23. President Eisenhower's visit to the new capital of Brazil, where he arrived earlier today on the first leg of his four-nation South American goodwill tour, got off to an awkward start.

First, it was discovered that the red carpet laid out to receive his party from the aircraft was several yards too long, and the surplus had to be slashed off at the airport steps.

Then President Kubitschek of Brazil arrived 15 minutes late, because he had been advised the visiting plane was half an hour behind schedule.

President Eisenhower stayed inside the plane until his host arrived.

About 4,000 people crammed under a road over-pass to greet President Eisenhower at the public reception in his honor. President Kubitschek described the pan-American development as "a war of peace."

LONG PARADE

The most impressive part of the reception was a long parade of construction men and machinery, headed by two travelling cranes, with their hoists crossed in a Sir Winston Churchill sign. Muddy-footed Brazilian children milled around yelling "I like Ike."

Brazilian police had a hard task holding back the throngs of men, women and children at some of the stops at city construction work.

President Kubitschek's wife and daughters were almost trapped in the crush at one



Mr. Eisenhower

stage before police recognised them and shepherded them behind a line of other locked-arm officers.

At the commemoration ceremony to mark his visit where a monument was unveiled, a joint statement, read by U.S. Secretary of State Christian Herter and his Brazilian counterpart Senhor Horacio Lafer, was hardly heard or noticed in the crush, bustle and noise.

But despite the surging mass, everything was friendly and comparatively orderly, and the main damage to President Eisenhower was done to his shoes—they were covered in rich red Brasilia mud, which is being churned up by the ton to make this new capital.—Reuter.

Argentina: not so friendly

Buenos Aires, Feb. 23. "Yanks Go Home" slogans have been painted in several places here, just four days before President Eisenhower's arrival for his goodwill visit to Argentina.

The slogans—others read "Go Away Eisenhower"—were painted along the way to the city's international airport but the U.S. President will not see them. He will be flown from the airport to the U.S. Ambassador's residence by helicopter.

The only political group so far showing hostility to Mr. Eisenhower is the leftwing faction of the Socialist Party which last night organised an open air meeting that barely attracted 2,000 people.

U.S. FLAGS BURNT

After the meeting, three United States flags were burnt but when police arrived the demonstrators vanished quickly. No arrests were made.

During the meeting, a party committee member, Alexis Latendorf, declared: "While Cuba's sugar cane plantations set on fire by American-manufactured airplanes are still smouldering, Eisenhower tells his people it is silly to charge the United States with colonialist ambitions."

The President's 15,000-mile goodwill tour of Latin America has already taken him to Puerto Rico and Brazil. He has yet to visit Argentina, Chile and Uruguay.

When he arrives in Uruguay's capital of Montevideo on March 3, he will find himself in a place without newspapers. Newspapermen, printers and sellers agreed today to stage a six-day strike between February 29 and March 5 to force the government to grant a preferential exchange rate for the import of newsprint. A two-day stoppage was held last week—and today a three-day stoppage was started. The strikers say they will only call off their protest if the government relents.—Reuter.

Supreme court quashes fines

Washington, Feb. 23. The U.S. Supreme Court today unanimously quashed fines imposed by Little Rock, Arkansas, on leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People who refused to identify local members.

The Association is a nationwide organisation devoted to furthering racial equality and guaranteeing civil rights. Its membership is overwhelmingly Negro.

Mr. Justice Stewart delivered the court's opinion. Mr. Justice Black and Mr. Justice Douglas wrote a concurring opinion.

Mr. Justice Stewart said that on the record "it sufficiently appears that compulsory disclosures of the membership lists of local branches" of the Association, "would interfere with the freedom of association of their members."—AP.

Former Nazi commander arrested

Bonn, Feb. 23. Police arrested today the former deputy commander of Nazi Germany's Sachsenhausen concentration camp.

Col. Heinrich Wegel, 55, is expected to be formally charged with complicity in the deaths of hundreds of prisoners in the camp during the period 1943 to 1945.

Wegel lived under an assumed name from the end of World War II until 1954. He has been living quietly in Dortmund since then—apparently not hiding his identity because he was under the impression West Germany's 1954 amnesty law had freed him from threat of arrest.—UPI.



Latest of the sons of Bing Crosby to marry a Las Vegas showgirl is the youngest, Lindsay, who is 22. Only one of the Crosby brothers now unmarried is the eldest, Gary, who is also the one to have made the largest personal success as a singer. Picture shows wedding group after the ceremony at Westwood, California. Lindsay and his bride, former Barbara Fredericksen, are on the right; unmarried Gary is on the left. — Express Photo.

HK button exports unlikely to harm Britain, says official

By a China Mail reporter

Hongkong button exports were of a different kind, quality and price to the British product and could therefore not do much damage to British button makers.

Mr. S. K. Young, Chairman of the Hongkong Plastics Manufacturers' Association told the China Mail this morning that most of the buttons exported to Britain from Hongkong were made of polyester.

Polyester sold at rather a high price in Britain, so the button makers there made only limited

use of that material in their industry, he said. Polyester is pearl-coloured and heat-resistant. Buttons made of the material are good for shirting.

Exports to UK

Official statistics showed that Hongkong exported \$5,454,999 worth of plastic buttons to Britain in 1959.

Exports of Hongkong buttons and studs made of all materials to Britain totalled \$6,576,000 in 1959, \$7,703,025 in 1958 and \$8,125,141 in 1957.

Mr. Young said Hongkong plastic buttons went to Europe and Africa but the biggest market was Britain. "Not all Hongkong exports to Britain are for home consumption," he said. "Most of them are for re-export at a good profit to the importers."

Hongkong has been making buttons out of many other kinds of plastics.

Not very big

"None of the Hongkong buttonmakers are very big," he said. "But as buttons are small items, even a small factory can turn out thousands of gross a day."

Mr. Young said Hongkong obtained raw polyester from Japan and "we have still to pay import duties in England."

Imports of British-made buttons of all kinds to Hongkong are small: \$409,159 in 1957, \$162,193 in 1958 and \$2,058 in 1959, according to official statistics.

NEW LETTER

The 38-year-old convict-author said he was writing a new letter to Governor Edmund G. Brown and he indicated the message may suggest a way of eliminating him, Chessman, as an issue in the controversy.

"I hope that letter is read by every Californian interested in this problem," he said. Chessman said his thoughts in his case were changing.—UPI.

Protest

Stockport, Feb. 23. Union officials yesterday protested against the suspension of eight apprentices for throwing snowballs, through the windows of their diesel engine factory.

The suspension was illegal, the union officers said, because the apprentices threw the snowballs in their own time.—UPI.

Pressurised biscuits

London, Feb. 24. Peter Baguley, a pilot for British European Airways, got tired of having chocolate morsels in his pockets explode in his face at 5,000 feet.

A catering firm discovered that the blowouts were caused by air trapped under the biscuits' chocolate covering at a higher pressure than air at flying altitudes.

BEA now proudly announces: "A marshmallow biscuit has been devised with a porous base, which enables interior and exterior pressures to equalise and so prevents chocolate fatigues on the outer skin."—AP.

BRITISH REPORTER DEMONSTRATES BLANTYRE VIOLENCE

Blantyre, Feb. 23.

A reporter of the London Daily Mail, demonstrated in court today, with a policeman as a "dummy," how he saw an officer stamp on a woman's foot and use his knee on other Africans in a crowd during Mr Harold Macmillan's visit last month.

Asked at the riot inquiry here whether the footstamping could have been accidental, the reporter, Mr Stanley Bonnett, said he did not believe it was, taken in conjunction with the whole pattern of events.

Mr Bonnett agreed that if his report of the incidents was not true he would be unfit to be a member of the press.

"I was very conscious all the time of my responsibility to the public and to my employers," he said. He denied that he had meant to pillory the Nyasaland police force as a whole.

CROSS-EXAMINED

Mr Bonnett, the first British pressman to give evidence in the judicial investigation by Mr Justice Southworth, was cross-examined today for three hours. He said his condemnation was directed at one police officer only.

Asked by the Solicitor-General, Mr J. B. Pine, whether he had seen any proof of the allegation against the police officer concerned in eight film showings of the incident, or in any other photographs, or whether he had taken any photographs himself, Mr Bonnett said no.

He said he was not responsible for photographs which appeared in the Daily Mail showing a policeman holding a woman who was holding her head.

Mr Pine read out a headline "Stanley Bonnett sees Africans

U.S. cotton body hits at Kearns' speech

Charlotte, N.C., Feb. 24.

A U.S. Commerce Department official's assertion that imports have little effect on U.S. textiles is rejected by the President of the American Cotton Manufacturers Institute.

James A. Chapman of Spartanburg, ACMI President, said U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce Henry Kearns had not given a complete picture. Kearns said in a speech here on Monday that there is virtually no correlation between the health of the textile industry and the degree of import competition and tariff protection. Kearns described economic troubles of the domestic industry as "more the results of the vagaries of consumer spending, overcapacity, non-textile competition and inter-fibre competition."

OVERPRODUCTION

Chapman said in a statement. "Mr Kearns says that one of the principal causes of our dilemma is overproduction. Why, then, should we permit our home markets to be further glutted with several hundred million yards of textiles, in piece goods and garments?"

In a reference to Kearns' suggestion that solution to industry problems lay in "the two billion under-clothed potential customers in the world," Chapman said: "We say that if these under-privileged nations have two billion customers, they should be selling to each other and not flooding the American market."

The U.S. textile industry in general has united on behalf of more import quotas and tariffs on foreign textiles.—AP.

Flaming object seen plunging into Pacific

Tokyo, Feb. 23.

A flaming object travelling at great speed was reported to have plunged into the Pacific Ocean south of Japan last night. The reports, received from a score of eye-witnesses including three airline pilots, touched off a sea and air search of the waters 800 miles south of Shikoku Island.

The Japanese Coast Guard said it had received no word of missing planes. Aircraft and patrol boats dispatched to the area reported no trace of the mysterious object.—AP.

Prosecution ends case in murder trial

Boston, Feb. 23.

The State rested its case today in the murder trial of Dutch radio operator William Van Rie with the testimony of an Indonesian cabin boy who flew half way around the world to appear for the prosecution.

Gadong, a broad-featured Oriental, confirmed the testimony of Mrs Juanita Spector, travelling companion of Chicago divorcee Lorna Kauffman whom Van Rie is accused of killing after a shipboard love affair.

Gadong, testifying through an interpreter, said he knocked three times on the closed door of the Kauffman cabin about 7.30 p.m. on September 18, the night of the slaying, and got no answer.

He said he had come with an orange for Miss Kauffman who had refused to come to dinner on the Dutch freighter Utrecht because she was not feeling well.

Gadong said Mrs Spector came to the cabin, took the orange from him and said Miss Kauffman was "sea sick."—UPI.

Dalai Lama's treasure will go to refugees

New Delhi, Feb. 23.

Mr Nehru told Parliament today his Government understood that the Dalai Lama's treasure, recently transported to a Calcutta bank, will be used to aid Tibetan refugees.

He said that in 1950 the Dalai Lama's representatives had approached the Sikkim Government, and asked it to allow the deposit of some boxes in Gangtok, capital of Sikkim.

The Indian Government had practically nothing to do with this, Mr Nehru said.

The Indian Government did not know what the boxes contained. Some months ago the Government was asked for an escort for the boxes to be sent to the Calcutta bank. This was provided by the West Bengal Government.

"We have no direct connection in this matter except providing this escort and we have certainly expressed the hope that this money—whatever the money may be—may be invested and the income used for the Tibetan refugees."

He said he had no idea of the contents of the boxes. "It may be some bullion or some jewellery," he added.—Reuter.

Letters to soccer pools intercepted

Ottawa, Feb. 23.

More than 10,000 letters sent by Canadians to soccer pools and other sports pools in Britain were intercepted and opened by the Post Office last year, Mr William Hamilton, the Postmaster General, told the Canadian House of Commons.

In a written reply to a question, he said the intercepted letters—10,290 of them—were opened because the envelopes did not carry the name and return address of the sender.

Other letters addressed to the British pools, if they had a return address, were sent back stamped "Not transmittable" because "letters and football pools are classified as illegal in Canada." And the Post Office said to prohibit the use of the Canadian mails for illegal purposes. Mr Hamilton pointed out.—China Mail Special.

Mystery deaths in asylum

Pontefract, Feb. 24.

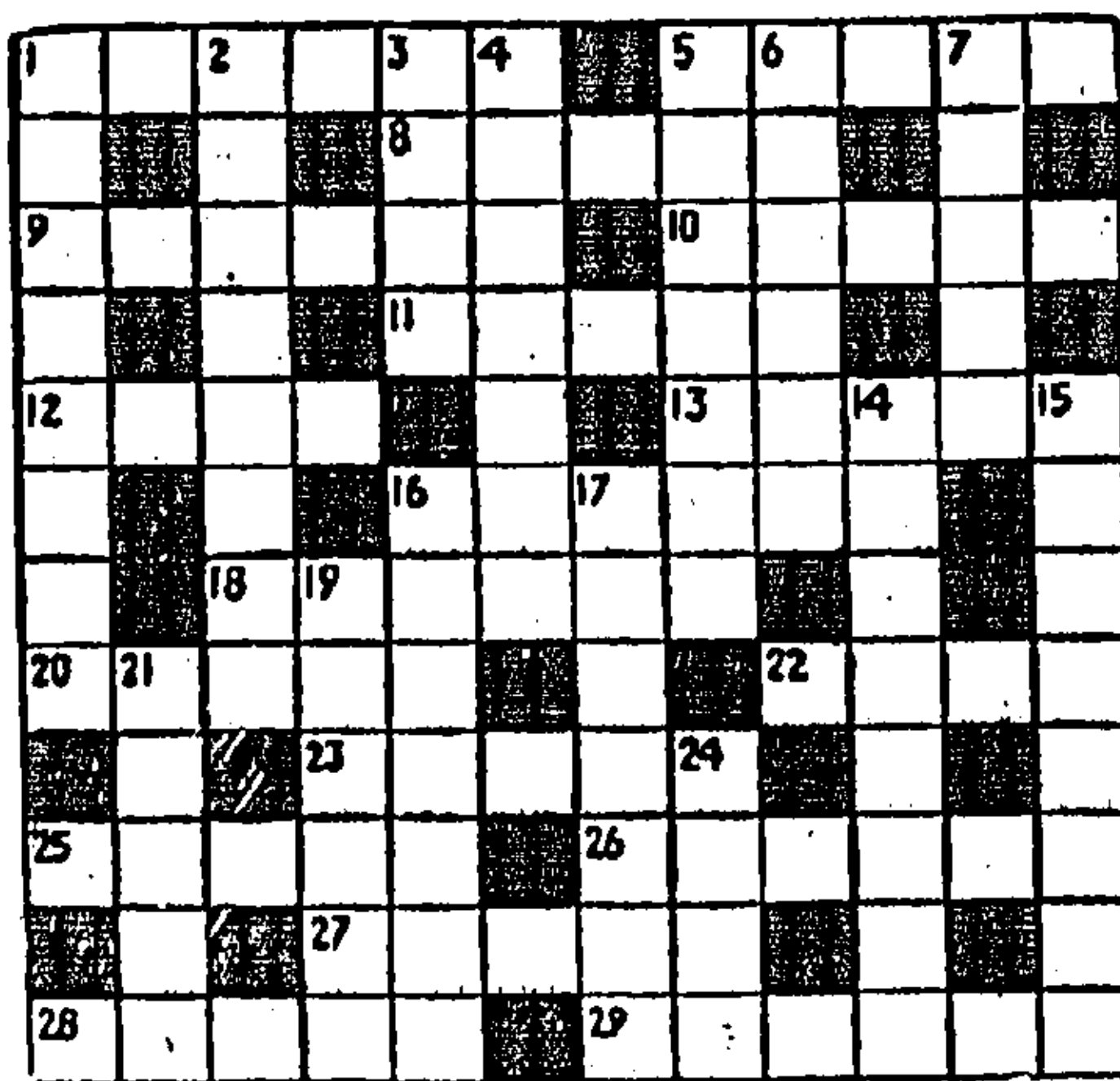
Doctors today began to suspect that the unseen killer racing through the grimacing corridors of an insane asylum here was not flu after all.

Death struck again today among the asylum patients making a total of 47 victims in 10 days among the old women confined there.

Four women who had been rushed to Breckia hospital within the last few days have died. Three others were reported to be "already in agony" at the Breckia hospital tonight.

But doctors began suspecting that no known 'flu virus could kill so many so fast. They hinted that the sudden, fierce epidemic might have been caused by staphylococcus, a spherical bacteria, rather than by a 'flu virus. Laboratory tests were being rushed to try and identify the killer.—UPI.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Make obscenity out East (6).
- 5 Vehicles always smart in reverse (5).
- 8 Tiler's quantity of wine, maybe (5).
- 10 Make beloved (6).
- 11 On company on the way to Tipperary? (3).
- 12 Do air the wireless (5).
- 13 How to behave in a lounge? (4).
- 14 A day of happy returns (5).
- 16 Cure started by an Army Corps (6).
- 18 Former emperor of the silk era (6).
- 20 Consecrate (5).
- 22 Mass of ice seen in December generally (4).
- 23 He could make sails (5).
- 25 One to whom many a "1 Across" used to be made (5).
- 26 Like a snigger tempo? (5).
- 27 Smooth turn-round of ships' bottoms (5).
- 28 Condition found all over the U.S. (5).
- 29 Rigorous always in Kent, for example (6).

DOWN

- 1 Increase the rabble; a showy criminal lot (5, 3).
- 2 Essentially feminine? (8).
- 3 Having wings (4).
- 4 Same rig for optical illusions (7).
- 5 Terrain for one in charge of racchorses (7).
- 6 Charge once more? (6).
- 7 Food found up country (5).
- 14 Tiny seed from where George lives (6).
- 15 Tarry, that is, for underwear (8).
- 16 Really laughable (7).
- 17 Threatens fellows with high cards (7).
- 19 Give a hand (6).
- 21 Just the smallest bit stale, perhaps (5).
- 24 A district such as Peterborough (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 3 Stay, 7 Hiker, 8 Anon, 9 Crum, 10 Dr-ought, 12 Span, 15 Ralbe, 18 Snip, 19 Valse, 21 Frost, 22 Tilt, 23 S-Mall, 26 Snip, 29 Absolve, 30 14-ly, 31 Bill 32 Means, 33 Lied, 34 Now, 35 Return, 36 Tarts, 37 Yams, 38 Rose, 39 Chip, 41 Clarity, 43 Feb, 44 Noisy, 45 Erile, 47 Eric, 48 Soda, 49 Allowed, 22 Tabs, 24 Main-ly, 25 Evenly, 27 Nail, 28 Fill.

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For chief engineer 'This is the life'

ON HONGKONG-SINGAPORE RUN

By Our Own Correspondent

Britain's only woman chief engineer in the Merchant Navy, Miss Victoria Alexandrina Drummond, has just visited Singapore on a nostalgic visit to the Far East.

A sea veteran for 35 years—this is the life!—she is proud to have "friends in every port."

A god-daughter of Queen Victoria, Miss Drummond is chief engineer of the 7,000-ton cargo ship, Grelson, on the Straits ports-Hongkong run. The brown-eyed ship's executive has three Chinese engineer officers and a Chinese engine crew under her charge. She said she was fascinated by the Far East where she made many friends during her voyages to Japan, China and other Asian ports before and after the war.

She said: "Like my ancestor, Robert Drummond who captained an East India Company ship in 1707 and sailed round the Cape of Good Hope to China six times, I find inspiration from my voyages to the East."

Miss Drummond is from Perthshire, Scotland. Her brother, John Drummond, is an author in Perthshire. She has a sister in London.

Of her work, she said: "I love every moment of it." Miss Drummond became interested in marine engineering in her teens, and was an apprentice in the Caledonian Shipbuilding and Engineering Co. in Dundee for five years. "I was the only girl among 3,000 men," she recalled.

She attended the Technical College in Dundee and later the School of Engineering at Poplar, London. She has been second engineer in 20 British vessels and chief engineer in eight other ships before joining the Grelson.

Her first ship was the Archites, on which she served as a junior engineer. She became chief engineer only after the war.

During the war she served as second engineer on the Atlantic-Africa run and Pacific in all types of transport vessels and tankers.

She has been awarded the Lloyds War Medal for bravery at sea, the MBE for devotion to duty and a star for her services in the Atlantic Star with clasp, the Coronation Medal and numerous other campaign medals.

Miss Drummond has gone round the world "twice or three." She said: "I expect to retire from the sea after all these years, but not yet. When I do I can begin to do all the things I had not had the time to do before."

What they were, she would not elaborate. Her favourite hobby is photographing flowers in colour and embroidery.

The only time she stopped going to sea was in pre-war years when she broke her arm in an accident.



MISS DRUMMOND

Miss Drummond's contract with the Grelson, which is owned by Jobson Shipping Company in Hongkong, will end in three months.

MISS Drummond

• BY THE WAY •

by Beachcomber

An eminently successful builder of gigantic edifices, born with a silver twenty-two storey block of offices in his mouth, has disclosed the secret of the breath-taking beauty of modern architecture.

What gives these palaces of today their magic, says he, is their height. It is because they are taller than Beauvais Cathedral that they are so much more beautiful.

 Sean Lonergan
 A CORRESPONDENT asks me why the well-known five-line stanza is called a limerick. The explanation is a simple one. It was a form of verse invented in 1842 by the Limerick poet Sean Lonergan, and he gave it the name of his native place. He was something of a wit, and when a critic attacked him with a limerick he called it "competing the wind to the Sean Lonergan."

 Wagner in a whisper
 I HEAR that at a recent performance of "Tristan and Isolde" at the Metropolitan Opera House, in New York, the little was changed, by the audience, to "Tristan and Isolde." The leading tenor had a sore throat. His place was taken by another tenor, who also had a sore throat. Each sang, or rather whispered an Act. The effect was so beautiful in comparison with the customary uproar, that arrangements are being made for a whispered opera. The plot is simple: all the characters, including the doctors, have laryngitis.

 On to victory
 A King's Knuckledusterer has crowded obstructed the traction engine. Many people carried banners, bearing the legend: "Welcome! Happy landing!" One man held aloft a placard saying, "Arbitrate, Don't Litigate." The group of youths representing the Anti-Chinese League handed out leaflets with "Opium is the Religion of the People" in large red type. One or two local wags yelled as Roy floundered by on his water-ski, and fat man in an upper window cried, "Bring us back a chamomile, mate!" A grocer's assistant struck up "A Life on the Ocean Wave," but was hushed by the village constable. (London Express Service).

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Malayan newsletter from Gordon Hung

MR MAUGHAM TOOK HIS DISAPPOINTMENT PHILOSOPHICALLY

Kuala Lumpur (By Airmail).

When the Sultan of Johore was crowned recently, it was the first coronation in Malaya for 65 years and unique in that this symbolism is not known elsewhere in Malaysia.

The 65-year-old Sultan, Sir Ismail, thus became the 21st ruler of this 420-year-old state — the third largest in the Federation.

The ancestors of the Sultan at one time ruled an ancient empire that not only stretched from Perak and all south but included parts of Sumatra and Rhio islands.

But the present dynasty is only just over a century old after the British chased the Portuguese out of Malacca and Rhio and the Johore Rivalry was revived.

But for one Royal guest, author Somerset Maugham, all this was old history, as he had been the Sultan's late father's good friend.

Mr Maugham was one of the earliest guests to arrive at the palace for the ceremony, but as he was not one of the immediate family he was seated in the pavilion outside the small throne room by 6.45 a.m.

But it turned out that he saw nothing of the actual coronation ceremony — because he did not know that there were television sets in the pavilion for him and other guests to watch the ceremonies inside the throne room.

Now his slick long hair has become a shaggy crew-cut after a giant rocket-cracker exploded in his well-creamed locks.

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Baby falls into washing machine

London, Feb. 23.

EIGHTEEN-MONTH-OLD Shirley Larkin pulled a chair from the table towards the washing machine, climbed up on the chair to have a look. The chair overbalanced and Shirley fell in and drowned in seven inches of water.

It all happened in five minutes but Mrs Kathleen Larkin was out of the kitchen feeding some chickens. Mrs Larkin, of Swords, Co Dublin, wept at the inquest on the other day when Dr D. A. McEneaney told her: "No blame can be attached to you."

NO REPLY

Mrs Larkin had told him: "When I returned to the house I could not see Shirley. I called her and looked about the house, but there was no reply." "Then I saw a puddle of water sticking out of the washing machine. She was lying inside in a crooked position."

"I do not know how much she was covered by the water, as I pulled her out immediately. She seemed to be unconscious."

"The chair in which Shirley had been sitting at the table when I left the kitchen was on its side about half a yard from the washing machine."

Verdict: Accidental death.—London Express Service.

The merchants were the great men of the earth.—Revelation 18:23.

But that did not save Babylon from destruction, for the blood of prophets and saints cried out against her. —Revelation 18:24.

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 By Air
 Philippines, 2 p.m.
 Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, 3 p.m.
 Guam, 3 p.m.
 North Borneo, Sarawak, 6 p.m.
 India, Egypt, Aden, 6 p.m.
 Korea, 3 p.m.
 Macao, 4 p.m.
 Macao, 6 p.m.

 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25
 By Air
 China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
 Thailand, Cambodia, Malaysia, Indonesia, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, Noon.
 Japan, 1 p.m.
 Philippines, Guam, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, 3 p.m.
 Korea, 3 p.m.
 Macao, 4 p.m.
 Macao, 6 p.m.

 By Surface
 China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
 Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America, 10 a.m.
 Macao, 1 p.m.
 Macao, 4 p.m.
 Macao, 6 p.m.

 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26
 By Air
 Hawaii, U.S.A., C. & S. America, 8 a.m.
 Vietnam, Pakistan, France, 8 a.m.
 Thailand, Burma, India, Noon.
 Cambodia, Noon.
 Middle East, Africa, Aden, Great Britain, & Europe, Noon.
 Japan, 1 p.m.
 Philippines, Dutch New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, 3 p.m.
 Korea, 3 p.m.
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 By Surface
 China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
 Indonesia, Noon.
 Japan, 1 p.m.
 New Zealand (Fiji parcels direct), 2 p.m.
 Macao, 4 p.m.
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 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27
 By Surface
 China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
 Iran, Iraq, Bahrain, Kuwait (parcels direct), Noon.
 Sarawak, North Borneo, Noon.
 Malaya, Aden, Great Britain, & Europe, Noon.
 Macao, 1 p.m.
 Ceylon, India, Pakistan, Egypt, Italy, (Cyprus parcels via Port Said) Switzerland via Genoa, 3 p.m.
 Macao, 4 p.m.
 Macao, 6 p.m.
 China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.

 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28
 By Surface
 Macao, 1 p.m.
 Macao, 4 p.m.
 Macao, 6 p.m.

 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29
 By Surface
 China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
 Japan, 1 p.m.
 New Zealand (Fiji parcels direct), 2 p.m.
 Macao, 4 p.m.
 Macao, 6 p.m.

 TUESDAY, MARCH 1
 By Surface
 China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
 E. & S. Africa (N. & S. Rhodesia), 8 a.m.
 New Zealand parcels via Durban, Noon.
 Macao, 1 p.m.
 Macao, 4 p.m.
 Macao, 6 p.m.


With a week to go before he leaves Germany and the US Army for America and the life of a star, Elvis Presley gave his verdict on the people of Bavaria, where he had been taking part in NATO's "Operation Wintershield" exercise. "The people are simple and nice. I like them." The German paper reporting his statement was reciprocally complimentary. Picture shows: "Just another soldier"—but with a rather longer train of followers.—Express Photo.

FILMS AND NIGHT SPOTS

FILMS
 KING'S & PRINCESS: "The Round of the Bachelors," starring Peter Cushing, Andre Morell and Christopher Lee. (Added: "A Million Little Blue Girls," a travel film of Hongkong).
 ROYAL: "The Gazebo," starring Glenn Ford, Debbie Reynolds and Carl Reiner.
 ROY & BROADWAY: (At 2.30 & 8.30 p.m.) "South Pacific" in Todd-AO, starring Rossano Brazzi, Mitzi Gaynor, John Kerr and Frances Noyes.
 LEE & ASTOR: "Goliath and the Barbarians," starring Steve Reeves.
 ROYAL: "Wall Street's 'Blossoms Beauty'."

NIGHT SPOTS
 PARAMOUNT: Giancarlo and his Italian Combo "Continental Cocktail Follies" and Vargas Alonso "Quartet Espagnol."
 MAXIM: The "Dairys" the acrobatic comedy dance team.
 CARLTON: Ben Conti and his Combo.
 GOLDEN PHOENIX: Chris Solo with Judy David, song and dance comedy team, and Little Thorpe, the inhibited troubadour, truly a great comedian.
 RITZ: "Come Like It Hot," starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon.
 ORIENTAL: "Next To No Time," starring Kenneth More and Dorey Wright.
 MAXIM: "Les Collegiennes," starring Christine Curran, Agnes Bernelle and Veronique Valmar.
 CAPITOL: "Utamaro" (Japanese film with English and Chinese subtitles).
 PARAMOUNT: "Thou Shalt Not Be Jealous" (Japanese film with English subtitles).

[The entire week's radio and television programmes are published in detail in a special, free, lift-out supplement in Saturday's China Mail. It comes in a specially detachable self-contained sheet and it is one of the many highlight features of the weekend edition of the China Mail.]

CAPITOL

FINAL TO-DAY AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.

 Kazuo Hasegawa
 Chikage Awashima
 In
"UTAMARO"
 In Daiscope & Color

With Superimposed English and Chinese Sub-titles

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KING'S PRINCESS

★ GRAND OPENING TO-DAY ★
AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 || AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.

This masterpiece motion picture "The Hound of the Baskervilles" — a tale written based on the English literature text book of the Hong Kong School Certificate Examination of this year.
Peter Cushing • Andre Morell • Christopher Lee in



— Added Short Feature Attraction —
"A MILLION LIGHTS SHALL GLOW" in Technicolor
(A Colourful Film of Hong Kong To-day)
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THE FIRST TODD-AO Picture
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and Front Stalls \$2.40

These prices to take effect as from to-day.



★ SHOWING TO-DAY ★
AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.30 & 9.45 P.M.



— NEXT CHANGE —
JERRY LEWIS • DINA MERRILL in
"DON'T GIVE UP THE SHIP"

Suicide at atomic research centre

Aldermaston, Feb. 23.
A 17-year-old girl told an Aldermaston inquest that the night before a 22-year-old laboratory worker fell from a 100 ft high ventilation shaft inside Aldermaston atomic weapons research centre he put his hands around her throat in a cinema and squeezed.

The jury decided that Michael Gilbert, of Long Grove, Baughurst (Hants), who was found dead at the foot of the shaft, committed suicide.

The girl, Annette Hopkins, of Huntmore Road, Baughurst, said she and Michael went on holiday together last year. Afterwards, her parents told her she must stop seeing him.

"Just before Christmas I went to stay with Michael's parents. One day Michael got very angry with me and bruised my arm and caught me around the neck. Later, we had another quarrel because I wouldn't cuddle up to him on the settee. He bruised my arm and hit me."

At the cinema where she worked as an usherette, he took her into the ice-cream room, shut the door, locked it and put the safety catch down.

Tried to scream

"I tried to release it but he got hold of me by the throat and squeezed me. I tried to scream because I knew my mother and father were outside."

Mr John Hopkins, also a worker at Aldermaston, said he objected to Michael's friendship with his daughter. At the cinema he saw Michael walk away with Anne. "Later, I heard a queer sort of scream and went along a corridor till I came to a door which was shut."

"I burst the door open and found Michael's throat. I threw Michael to the floor. When he got up I told him I was going to see my solicitor in the morning with a view to taking civil action against him. He told me: 'Do what the hell you like.'"

Mrs R. A. Maize said: "My son and Anne were deeply in love." — China Mail Special.

New hostels to help ex-prisoners

London, Feb. 23.
Mr R. A. Butler, the Home Secretary, said here yesterday the Government hoped to provide four new hostels this year to help ex-prisoners re-adopt themselves to the outside world.

Speaking to "The New Bridge"—the prisoners' after care society—Mr Butler said it was the prisoner who has served a long sentence who finds the greatest difficulty in readjusting himself.

The hostels take men serving a four-year sentence or over, allowing them to live as much as possible like free men, working in the town like ordinary workmen.

OBVIOUS ADVANTAGES

"The material advantages of this are obvious. A man can go out finally with a good reference from an employer, a fully stamped insurance card and usually a considerable sum in savings," Mr Butler said. Turning to the general crime position Mr Butler said delinquency would continue as long as human nature existed. The Government's task was to reinforce those influences in society which promoted decent living. — China Mail Special.

Princess passes driving test

London, Feb. 23.
Princess Alexandra has passed the Ministry of Transport driving test at her first attempt. It was learned here today. Her younger brother, Prince Michael, also passed his test recently on his first attempt. Her older brother, the Duke of Kent, is a noted driver of sports cars. — China Mail Special.

Exorcism service held

London, Feb. 23.
Two Anglican clergymen held a 25-minute service late last night in a house at Salford to rid it of mysterious bumps in the night.

Outside the house was a notice: "Do not disturb during the service." A policeman was on duty and a crowd of spectators gathered.

Mrs Freda Roberts, 34, said the bumps started on Christmas Eve. The noise is heard in the house next door.

Psychical Research Association investigator said her 12-year-old son, Alan, was "being used" by a spirit to communicate. One of the clergymen said the boy should not be left alone at night. — China Mail Special.

Kenya Governor confident of success

Nairobi, Feb. 23.
Sir Patrick Ronin, the Kenya Governor, said last night confidence and goodwill between races were more important for the Colony's future than any bill of rights.

In a broadcast to Kenya from London, Sir Patrick said the London constitutional conference had provided a sufficient measure of agreement to give the Colony a chance of success in the next difficult stage.

"We now have a real chance to build up confidence and goodwill between all the peoples of Kenya," he said.

SAFEGUARDS

"Confidence and goodwill between the races are the only real safeguards for the future."

He said delegates at the conference had learned to know each other as they had never done before. They had learned to live with the differing opinions strongly held could still work together as friends.

"We have a tremendous opportunity ahead of us," he went on. "We need from everyone, in the Prime Minister's words, restraint, patience, tolerance and understanding." — China Mail Special.

March still laughing

Colombo, Feb. 23.
Fredric March, the American film and stage star arrested near Madras, southern India, last weekend for alleged violation of the prohibition law, said here today the incident was "most laughable."

Mr March, his wife and four companions were taken before a local magistrate and released on 80,000 rupees bail after police discovered a bottle containing four ounces of whisky in their luggage.

Mr March said today the liquor was in the medical bag of a doctor who formed one of their party. "It was at most a technical offence," he added. "We are still laughing over the incident." — China Mail Special.

Diaper thesis

Tokyo, Feb. 23.
Assistant Professor Senoo Hiramatsu of Fukuoka Women's University has won her doctor's degree in medicine with a 10-year study of "Diaper Covers." — UPI.

POP—Very Tottley



SHARE TAX RELIEF STEP TOWARDS ONE-CLASS SOCIETY

London, Feb. 23.

A leading British parliamentary group today called for tax relief in the field of share transactions as a step towards making Britain "a one-class society."

The proposal was made in a pamphlet issued by the Wider Share Ownership Committee, set up in 1958 by a number of back-bench Members of Parliament and representatives of city institutions with the object of promoting wide share ownership "by all reasonable means."

The chairman is Mr Maurice Macmillan, Conservative MP and son of Mr Harold Macmillan.

Popularity

The pamphlet, entitled "The Growing Popularity of Share Ownership," said that the "tremendous" increase in the number of shareholders with a stake in the country approach the point of the one-class society. It said that further steps—including tax relief—should be taken in order to enhance the popularity of buying shares. — China Mail Special.

ROYAL (PEACE) FAMILY

London, Feb. 23.
The Daily Herald today published a letter from a woman reader who said it would be "lovely" if the Queen's new baby were christened "Edward."

Then, said the reader, the Royal Family's initials would spell out the word "Peace."

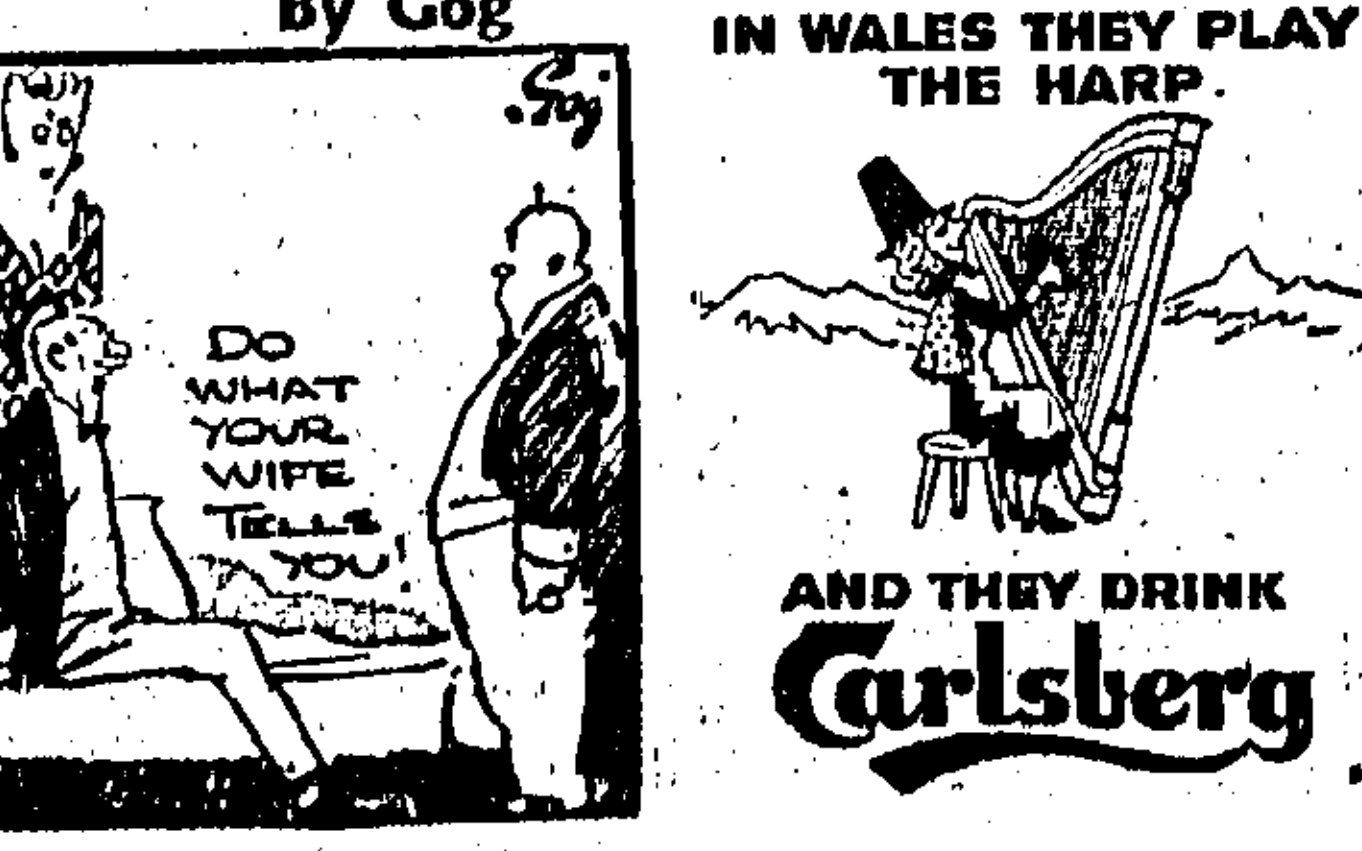
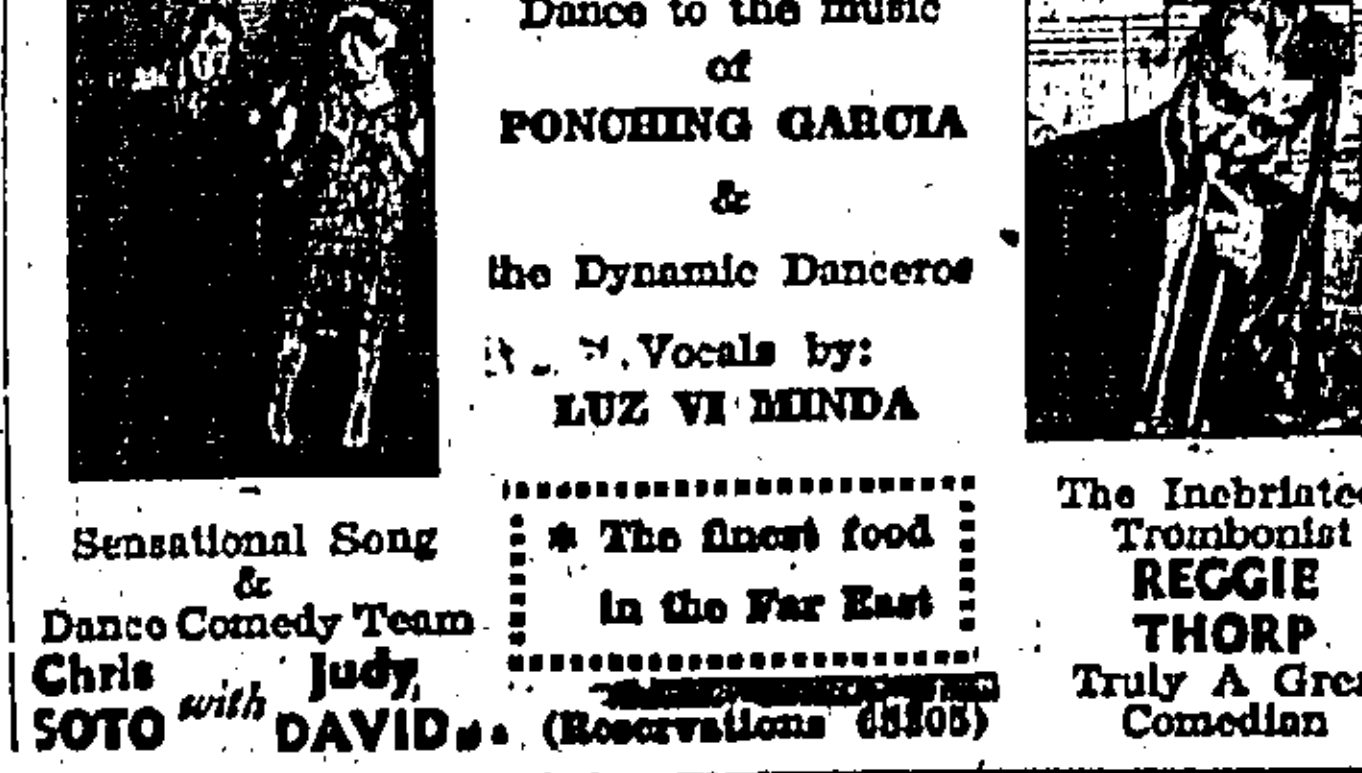
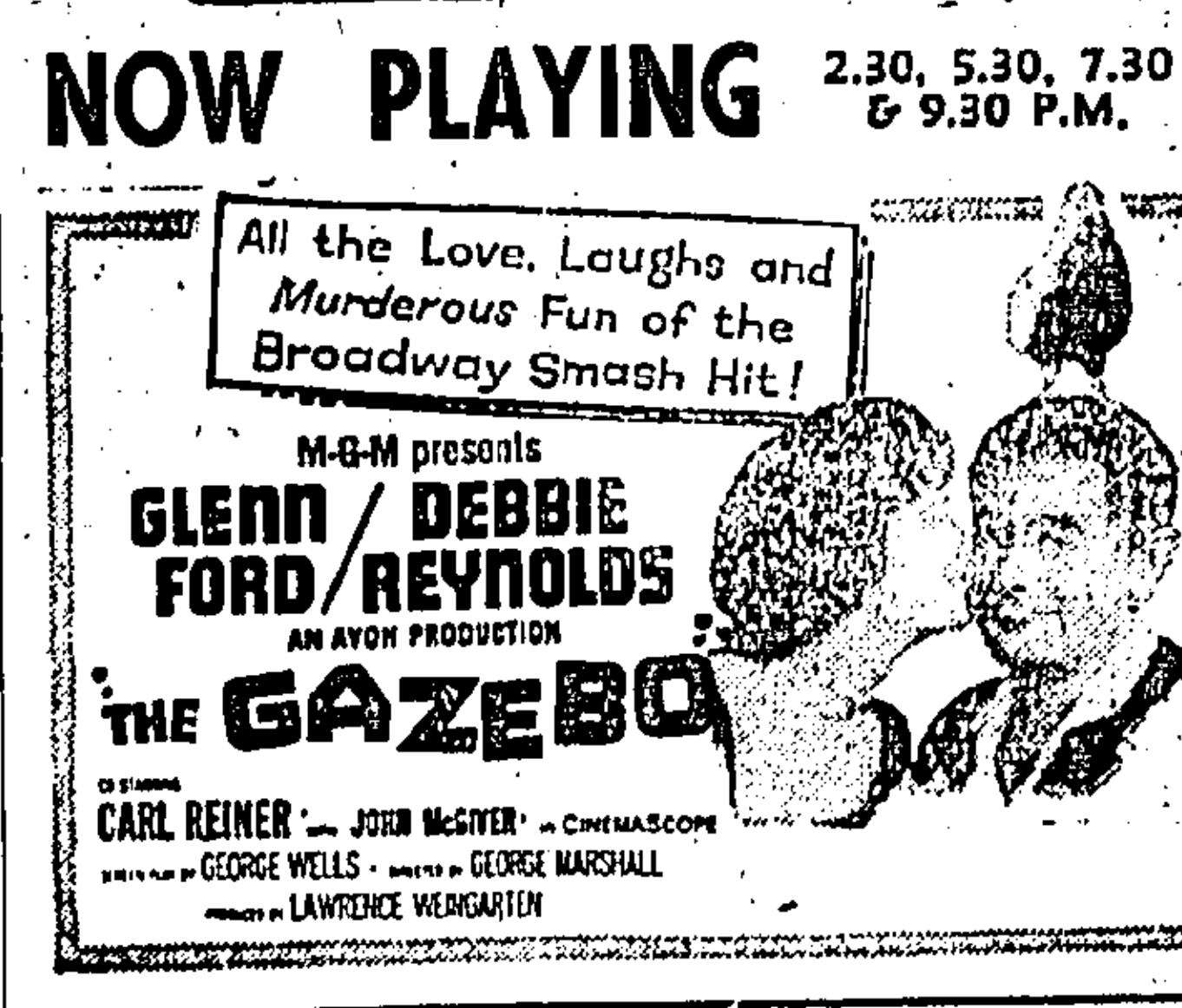
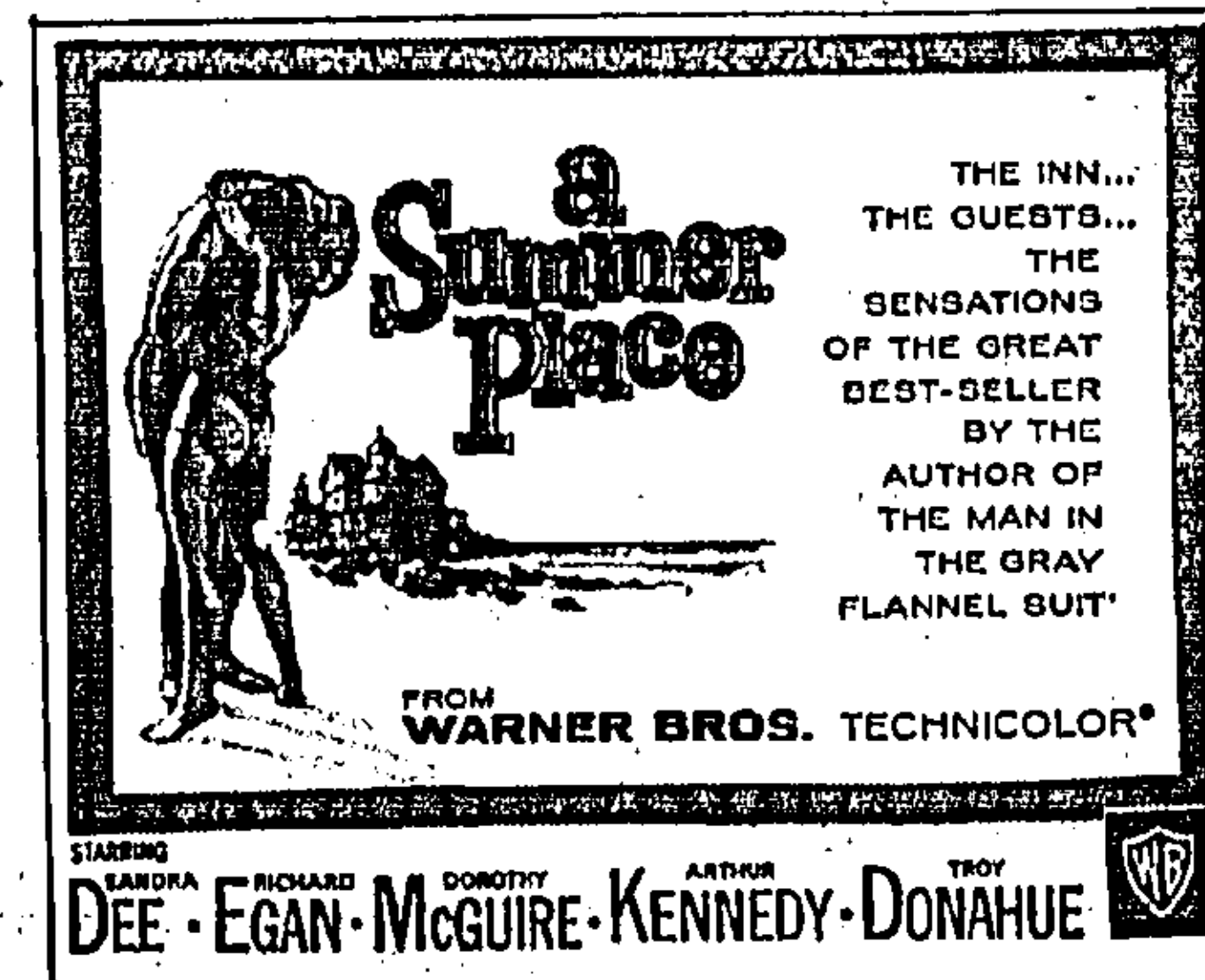
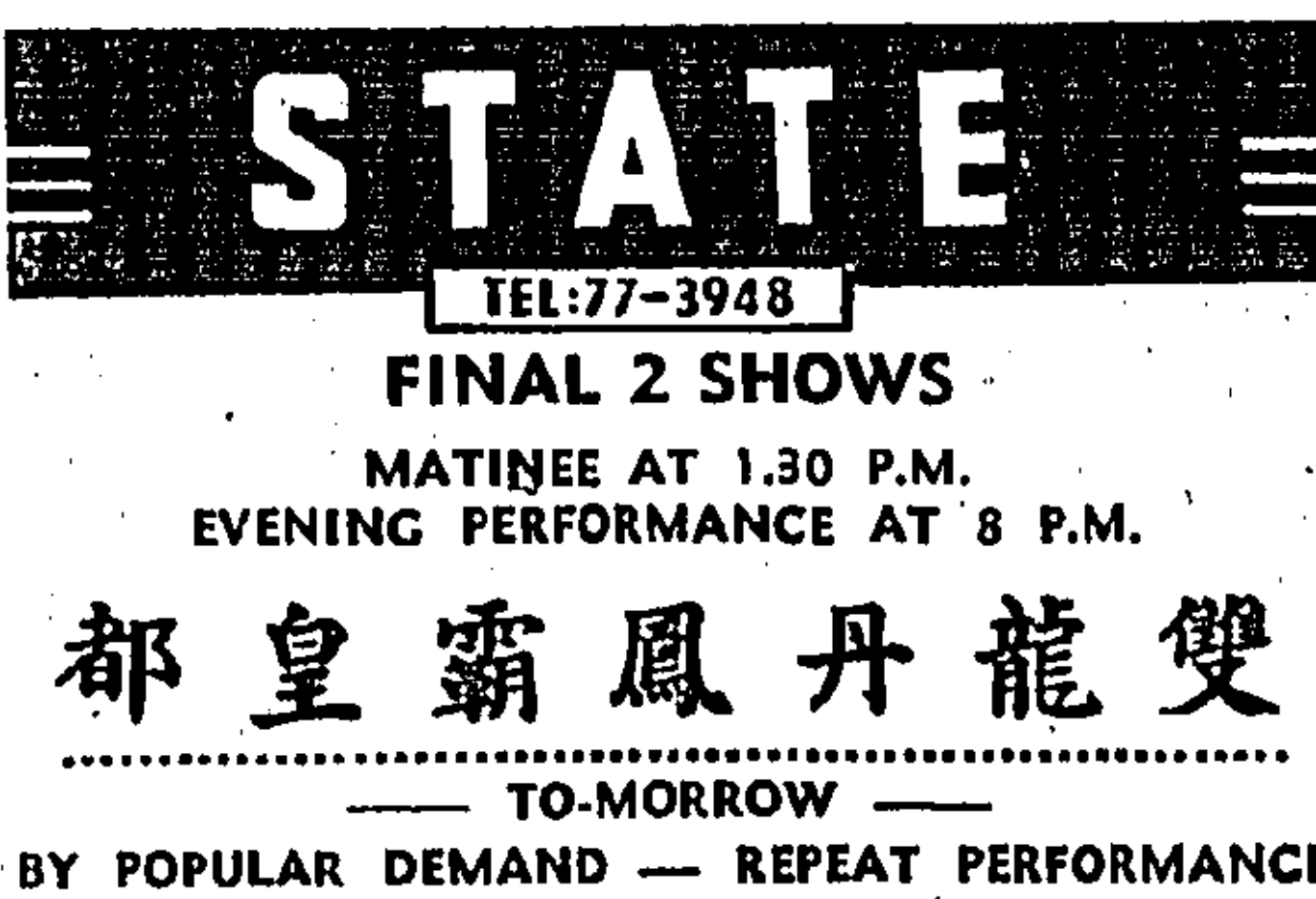
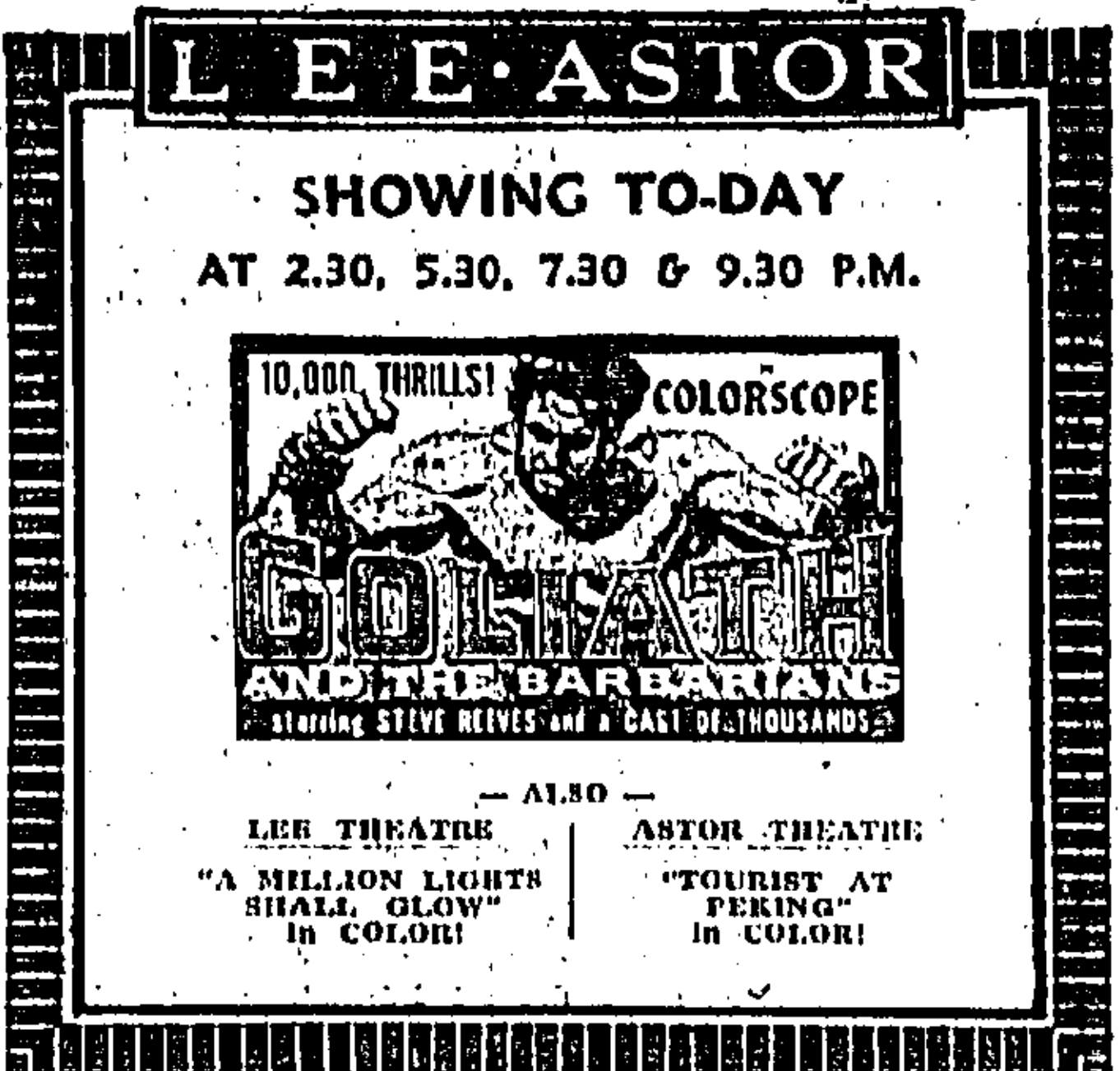
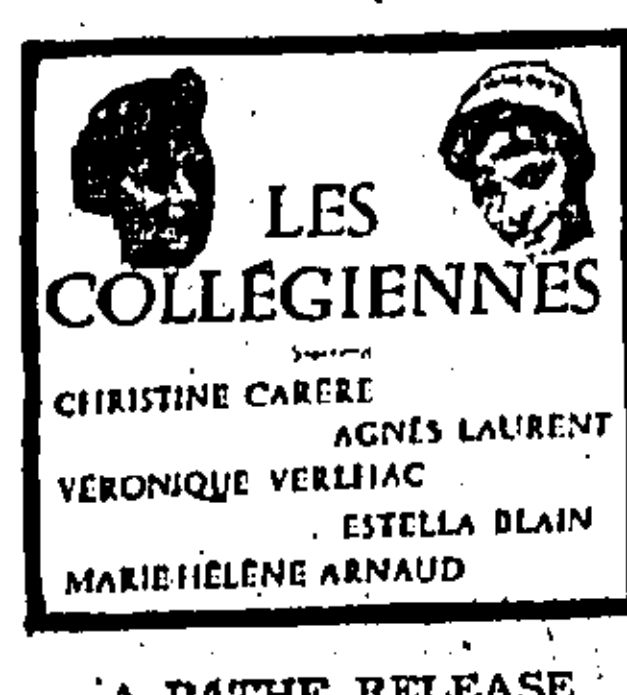
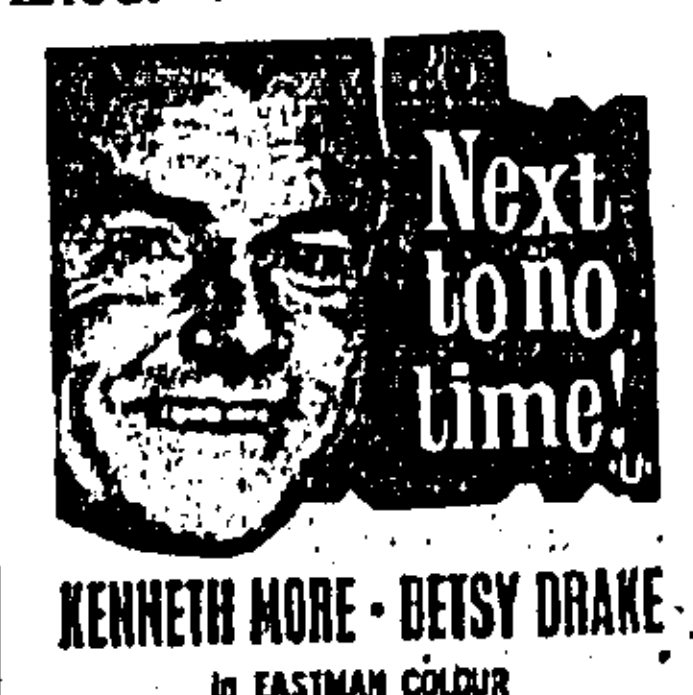
The reader, Mrs. Old, of Woolpit, Suffolk, pointed out that "P" would stand for Philip, "E" for Elizabeth, "A" for Anne, "C" for Charles, and "E" for Edward. — China Mail Special.



NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON
TO-DAY AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.



SHOWING TO-DAY
AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.
MORE UN THAN EVER!
LAUGH LAUGHS LAUGHS!



THE FIRST BIG CLEAN-UP!

The first real blow struck at corruption in the Police occurred while Captain-Superintendent Deane was away from the Colony, and Major Dempster was acting in his place. This was the year 1886.

Information filtered into Police Headquarters that the pay-roll of the gambling houses was growing pretty long, so Dempster gave certain instructions.

Inspector Mathieson and a Sergeant Interpreter went down to Taipingshan, and hid themselves at the top of a house which was later destroyed during the Taipingshan clean-up following the plague of 1891.

They had not long to wait before 53 Chinese constables appeared without concern, in a very matter of fact manner, to collect their "fees."

These men were brought to trial on August 14, 1886, charged with misconduct under Section 15 of the Ordinance of 1882. They were subsequently committed for trial at the Supreme Court but were referred back to the Magistrates. All were summarily dealt with.

Vice village

This and subsequent Police actions drove gambling underground, but all that happened was that gambling and vice at Shamshuipo flourished as a consequence. Those who require particulars of this can find them in the *Hongkong Story*, where the comments of the times appear with all their faded indignation.

Sufficient to say that Shamshuipo was then Chinese territory, and that a special steam launch carried gamblers and other over to the vice village where a good time was had by all with much profit to the local Mandarin.

In 1899, when Shamshuipo came within British jurisdiction, the gambling moved to the border town of Shamshuipo, where pilgrims made the regular journey, and this continued, with diminishing interest until 1939, when the Japanese occupation of the Kwantung Province put it out of court.

Captain-Superintendent Deane served the Hongkong Police for 24 years. To sum up his office you could say that he served well, without distinction. At the same time, you could get neither the men he wanted, nor the financial grant he needed to make the Force the efficient body required to establish law and order in this Colony.

Trouble

Adam died as he was on the way home on sick leave aboard the P & O ship "Aden." This was February 16, 1893. Adam's body lies buried in Singapore.

This left the way open for another appointment, and this fortunate the Hongkong Police had yet known. Mr Francis Henry May was gazetted Captain-Superintendent of Police on February 17, 1893.

May ran into the usual crop of trouble, and the year 1894 saw some daring gang robberies. The first two of the robberies were completely successful, the gangs getting away with their loot. But on November 22, 1894,

the police were quickly off the mark. The gang were robbing No. 50, Wing Lok Street when the police arrived. The Chinese victims of the robbery were rendered helpless by the simple expediency of their long queues being tied together.

The robbers put up a desperate resistance with knives and revolvers, and during the melee Constable Amner Singh, was killed; also a Chinese coolie who happened to be near.

Five of the gangsters were arrested, and at the subsequent trial, two were sentenced to death.

The executions concern us only in the sense that it was the first private execution to take place in the Colony.

Mr May, on pursuing the reports left by Mr Deane, considered that Mr Deane was correct in recommending that executions take place in private. The reason was that such grim dramas were useless as deterrents (facts and figures supported this) as the despicable avoided any such scenes.

The Press were invited and duly reported the last grim moments, with deplorable pictures of the two criminals being dragged to the scaffold.

The plague

Just to get rid of this information, the Press were invited to go to the scene, and up to this day, all executions take place secretly, the attendants being those limited to the number performing the office, and those legally prohibited.

Captain-Superintendent May served the Colony well during the plague of 1894, and for his services he was awarded the Companionship of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George.

Things improved in the Colony to the extent where the Light and Pass Regulations could be revised.

From 1841 to 1864, the Colony had been illuminated at night by oil lamps and candles. In 1864, Gas lamps had improved the lighting after dark, and on December 1, 1880, electricity was introduced. The first street lights were suspended on poles 150 yards apart, the object being to obtain sufficient light so that people could see each other's faces.

Even so, none of this prevented street robberies, so that from the earliest times, the Chinese were required to carry a lantern after dark.

But Ordinance No 13 of 1888 required the Chinese to carry not only a lantern between dusk and dawn, but a pass also. This law was relaxed in 1896 and finally, on June 5, 1897, it was repealed.

This was a most satisfactory move, for many Chinese, the street many of the present-day Chinese who have helped make this Colony the place it is, were in Hongkong

The HONGKONG POLICE

By John Luff

then. For their part, they were as anxious as the British to stamp out these criminal factions who preyed on prosperous businessmen.

Captain-Superintendent May was able to say that the regulations of the Light and Pass Police Force had resulted in a minimum of incidents after dusk.

I am now obliged to write upon an aspect of citizenship which to these days, affords the police difficulties. On the other hand, I can say from personal observation that things have much improved, and that regularly, the Commissioner of Police performs the pleasant ceremony of paying tribute to such Chinese citizens who help the Police.

In a few words, this is the situation. By tradition, the Chinese has never associated himself with public affairs. And by the same token, no Police Force can work efficiently, when the public adopts the "see nothing, say nothing, do nothing" attitude.

Such a situation was strongly commented upon in 1896 when Police Constable Lai Tak Sing was shot down in a narrow lane off Gage Street. P. C. Lai received information that a wanted robber was abroad in Gage Street. While running away, the robber, Lai Mit, turned and aimed his revolver at the policeman.

P. C. Lai dropped mortally wounded. While in pursuit, none of the Chinese attempted to apprehend the gangster. Nor did any come to the aid of P. C. Lai.

However, the Chinese authorities at Canton, acting on information received from the Colony, arrested gangster Lai Mit, and probably on a quid pro basis, brought him to Kowloon City. There they beheaded him.

A rather strange case came before the Supreme Court in March 1897, when a coolie named Chui Kwan was tried on a charge of murder.

It was a rather sordid affair, Chui having slit his wife's throat and hidden her body in a trunk. Everything pointed to the circumstance that he was about to move off with her body.

Big boys

Chui admitted he had murdered his wife, but his extraordinary defence in the Court was that his wife had been visited by a sorceress who had predicted his wife would commit suicide.

In spite of the fact that the prosecution were able to prove that the defendant had the property of the deceased upon his person, the special jury decided to believe Chui's weak defence.

When Chui was told he was free to leave the dock, he could not believe his ears. He had stated some time before it occurred to him that his unusual defence had succeeded.

It was at this time that Captain-Superintendent May performed the Colony the greatest service of his career. In short, he gave the Police the biggest clean-up ever. He hit at corruption, and this time he got the big boys.

Acting on information, May and Chief Inspector carried out a raid on their own. They told none, they discussed no plans with any, and by keeping

every piece of information to themselves, and taking only such a force sufficient to secure their entry, they descended on a house in East Street.

May found exactly what he went for. As well as a quantity of money and jewellery, he seized some books, and these books revealed that several Police Inspectors as well as other ranks were on the pay-roll of the gambling houses. Not only that, but it also showed that corruption extended as far as the Registrar-General's Department. So well kept were these books, and so far back did their records go that it was shown that corruption went back as far as 1855.

The finger pointed at Inspector Job Mitchell, and he was suspended from duty.

Strike back

Mitchell came up for trial and pleaded not guilty. However, the evidence was dead against him, and in spite of the fact that much could be said on his behalf, the Chief Justice awarded him six months' imprisonment, taking into account Mitchell's otherwise good record.

The criminal societies struck back quickly. A Chinese named Cheng On was chief informer against Mitchell. Just over a month after Mitchell was sentenced, Cheng On was found floating in a canal near Canton. He had been dead some time. His hands and feet were securely tied.

May continued to conduct the investigation himself with the aid of the Attorney-General and Crown Solicitors and others. As a consequence, several prominent police officers were dismissed the Force.

Dim view

Among those dismissed were Inspector Baker, Detective Inspectors Quincey and Stanton, and Detective Sergeant Holt. This was for failing to discover and report a notorious gambling house at No. 2 Wu Lane. Police Sergeant Phelps who had fifteen years in was allowed to resign, and a number of his pension was referred to the Secretary of State.

A large number of Chinese detectives and district watchmen were also dismissed or banished.

Nor did it stop there. The Indian members of the Force were found to be involved and a number of men were dismissed. The Interpretation Branch was implicated also.

But it reached further than the Police Force. Sanitary Inspector Hore was in the know, and on the receiving end. He was dismissed on the spot.

Then the First Clerk in the Registrar-General's Office with 38 years' service to his credit, was found to be snarled up in the scandal. In view of his long service, he was at first called upon to resign on a reduced pension. But upon his case being reviewed by the Secretary of State, the latter refused to accept his resignation, so Charles Comand, former Chief Clerk to the Registrar-General was dismissed, sans pension, sans reference, sans everything.

Another who was dismissed was T. W. Quincey, also of the Registrar-General's Office. Quincey was the son of Inspector Quincey also dismissed, so this family really caught everything



THERE was trouble all the time behind the walls of Kowloon City. (Razed to make room for the planes at Kai Tak Airport).

that was going, following May's investigation.

Young Quincey had a bright career in front of him. Government had sent him to Peking to study Chinese. He could have risen high in Government service, but out he went.

The gambling house keepers were also dealt with, one serving a prison sentence.

Captain-Superintendent May took a very dim view of all those names appearing in the books he had seized. Police Inspectors Hennessy and Mann, and Police Sergeant's Hall and Ford were retired on March 5, 1898 and left for home.

But such is this Colony that they were not allowed to depart unmonitored. Their comrades and civilian friends were down at Market Wharf and the baggage skinned, and the Chinese let off strings of crackers as

the departing officers made their way from Hongkong.

Mr F. H. May wrote a detailed report for Government, and there is little doubt that he insisted upon the dismissal of everyone whose name appeared on the gambling houses books. Hongkong would have been without an effective Police Force for some time to come.

However, in dealing with those who received regular bribes, the Colony lost one European Inspector (six months' imprisonment), three Inspectors and one Sergeant were dismissed; two Inspectors and one Sergeant were not re-engaged; and one Acting Sergeant chose to resign on his own account. Nineteen Indian policemen were dismissed, while twenty-six

Chinese policemen were also sacked, and another eighteen resigned.

Courage

It is obvious that the success of this clean-up was due to F.H. May conducting it on his own, giving only his immediate subordinate his confidence, making the preliminary investigation himself, and asking aid of none. So it was, the usual tipping-off did not take place, and he caught the culprits red-handed.

Captain-Superintendent May showed considerable courage in going through with this. He received the usual threatening letters once he had his suspects under control, but he did not waver. Sir Task Shan and his son Sir Ping accompanied their threatening letter with a demand

for money. May had them arrested and they were brought before the Criminal Sessions of October 21, 1897, were found guilty and sentenced.

This scandal fairly rocked Hongkong, but it stopped the kind of sniggering, demoralising talk that the Police were thus and that. May showed that he was there to do a job, and he did it without fear or favour. None was covered up. The senior officers deservedly receiving more severe punishment than the juniors.

But the way ahead was difficult. The Police Force had to be reorganised.

SATURDAY:

Wider still and wider...

CONVALESCENCE WITH COWARD

Montreux.

I AM deeply fond of Noel Coward. I get very upset if he dares to be ill.

That is why, when I heard he had phlebitis, I rang him up at Montreux, Switzerland, on the Lake of Geneva.

I expected to be barred from him by a retinue of nurses and doctors. But to my astonishment he replied to the telephone himself.

HIS PYJAMAS

"I have news for you, Beasley," he said. The famous telegraphic tone chipped into my ears just as it always had done. "Just because I have something wrong with my circulation and my leg, it does not mean that my vocal cords are paralysed. Come and stay this weekend."

I arrived in the dark and, apart from some glimmering snow, I had only a very confused idea of the luxurious Coward chalet above Montreux.

When I arrived I rushed straight up to the Master's bedroom. He was sitting up in bed, very pink and gay in a pair of purple pyjamas.

He gave a wonderful display of crackling vitality, ending by wiggling his little toe, leaving the others stationary.

"I may have written 'Cavalcade,'" he said proudly, "but this is the trick that no one else can do. Look, none of you lot can do it."

Strangely enough, we couldn't film star George Sanders and his wife, Bertha Hume, and his step-daughter Juliet, aged 15, by Bertha's previous marriage to Ronald Colman — they couldn't do it. Nor could Noel's personal representative, Cole Lesley. Nor could I.

HIS SPIRITS

We were all invited to dinner. The Master, which is what all his intimate friends call Noel Coward, ate his dinner in his bedroom, hopping as merrily as a robin to an armchair, and back to bed again.

He is not yet allowed to put his feet to the ground although his health is improving hourly. Today a specialist called on him from Geneva. This Saharaz and the rest of us dined in a dining-room where a very curious decanter, shaped like a blood-transfusion outfit, squirted vin rose all over me.

After dinner the party rustled back to the Master, who promptly became the life and soul of it.

It dawned that George Sanders should be dead.

MY WEEK-END AT HIS MOUNTAIN HOME

by NANCY SPAIN

plans for a ski resort for the psychologically balanced middle-aged.

"We must only have the very gentlest slopes and anyone who wishes to prove anything by tearing down the mountain at 60 miles an hour will be rigorously excluded," said George Sanders in his most puttering, plummy tone.

"Wasn't I clever to find him?" said the Master. "He was one of my original Rakesters, but probably only if the Master played them."

HIS POODLES

Sanders and his wife and step-daughter all wore magnificent ski-ing costumes. They sat and lolled decoratively all over the Master's bedroom, while two tiny white poodles, called Sebastian and Hawthorn, cavorted among us, occasionally showing the Master's red velvet slippers.

"Sebastian is called after me in 'Nude with Violin,'" said Noel. "Hawthorn is called after me in 'Our Man in Havana.'"

In the morning the Sanders party had all gone home and I suddenly became aware of the fact that I was perched half-way up a mountain, surrounded by Swiss scenery of the most aggressive kind, with a buzzard racing. The Master was now wearing yellow pyjamas (the fact that he wore in 'Our Man in Havana') and he had summoned us to read a new three-act play by Noel Coward. I enjoyed the play-reading very much, and am fairly certain that I was not entirely influenced by my pleasure in the fact that one of the heroines of the play was a newspaper lady wearing trousers.

As Peter Sellers has also put me on a gramophone record

and called me Nancy Lisbon, I am beginning to think this is my month for getting in on the creative-genius lark.

Since he has been in bed this time the Master has completed a 150,000-word novel and another play. He also does a crossword puzzle every morning (it takes him half an hour) and plays endless parlour games, many of them based on quotations from English literature.

The whole series would be a woe on television, but probably only if the Master played them. "Amuse me!" comes the imperial command each morning, at 12 noon, and we all rush to the brightly lit bedroom — dogs, house guests, and all.

"Once had to say in a costume drama: 'Up to a point, yes,'" said Noel happily. Then someone complained about my hair-do. "It's no good, Spainy dear," said Noel. "Nothing can be done about it. It will always look like a mat, my darling. All you need is welcome in it in golden letters. You must have it done at once."

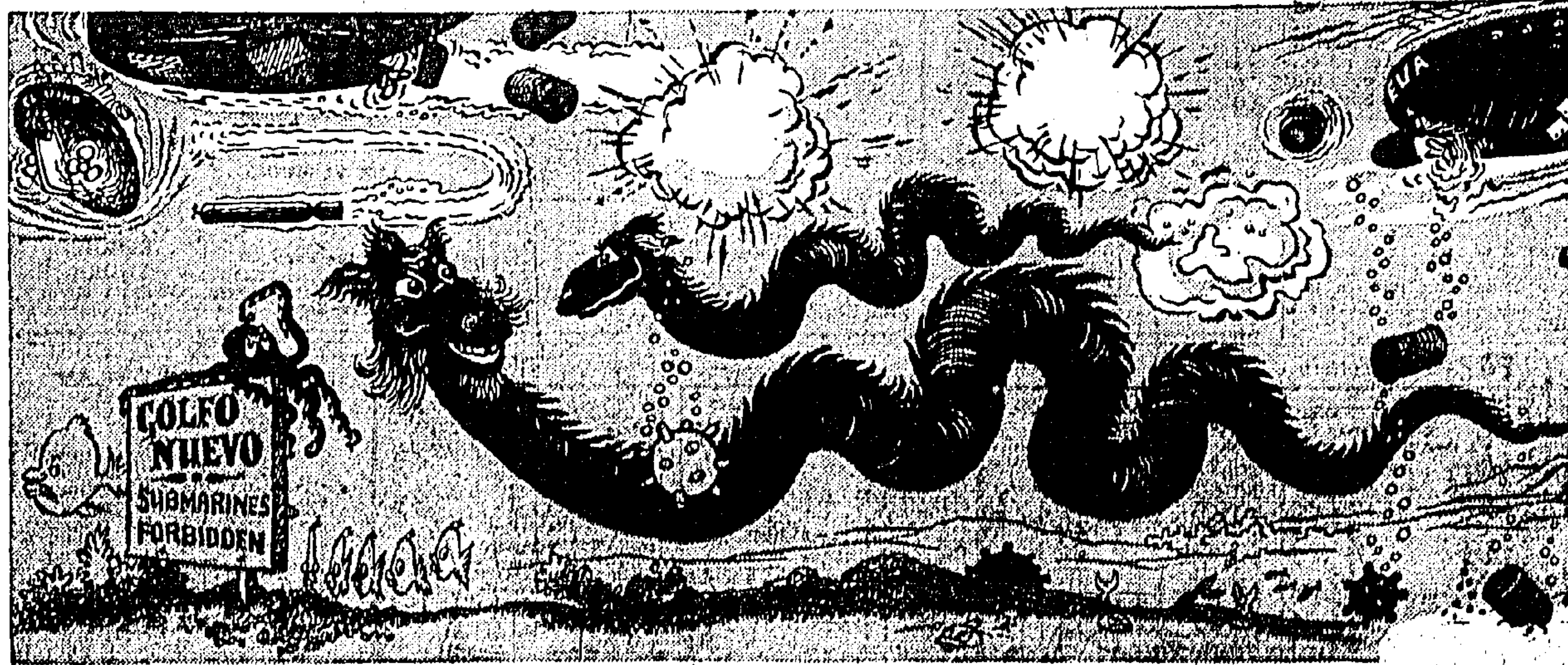
HIS DELIGHT

Outside it had now begun to snow, the flakes falling slowly, heavily, or suddenly whirling in whims.

I got the mad impression that Noel had even conjured up the snow, that we were living in a round, glass paperweight, that he could shake up and enjoy all by himself.

Indeed, when I came away, I could not really believe in any of it. It was as though for three days, I had lived in, and been a part of, a very good comedy by Noel Coward.

(London Express Service)



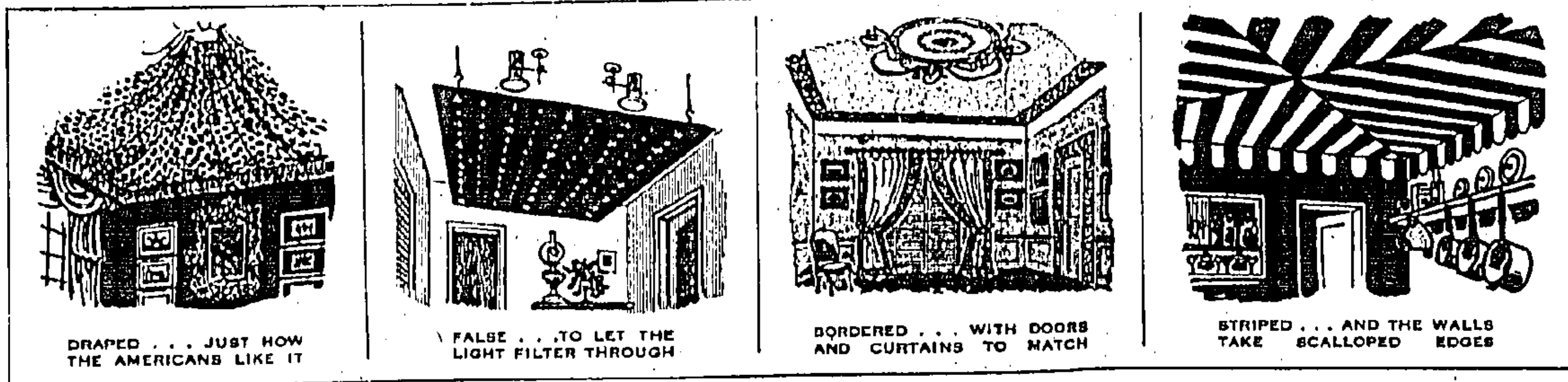
"But my dear boy, this is just nothing compared to the Tues and publicity I got at Loch Ness—before you were even born!"

(London Express Service)

WOMANSENSE

BY SALLY VINCENT

ceilings are going gay...



WHAT goes on under your feet is rapidly becoming of secondary importance. It's what happens above your head that matters now. Ceiling consciousness is bringing a home revolution that is easy and economical.

Doing something spectacular with a floor has a habit of running into hundreds of pounds.

Giving the same interest to a ceiling costs little more than a bold imagination and a talent for doing it yourself.

Interior decorator John Siddley arrived back from America this week bringing with him news of a fanatical Transatlantic ceiling interest. In the States now, he reckons, people with plain white ceilings are as uncommon as people without television sets.

America's favourite ceiling treatment is draping. John Siddley is already working on the idea for Mrs. Michael Wilding's London home. She intends to have the ceiling of a long, narrow room draped with a flowered fabric. The material is taken from picture-rail wall level up to a central brass rod fixed along the length of the ceiling.

Alternatively, the material can be taken up to a central

ring and draped all round the ceiling, as shown in the sketch.

False ceilings, like false eyelashes, have become blatantly artificial. They can be made, simply, from plaster board, or effectively from cut-out Perspex, and hung from the original ceiling by hooks and chains.

False

The false ceiling is usually about 1ft. smaller than the top ceiling all round so that lights fixed at the top of the room can filter round the edges.

For a room with white walls and ceiling a strip of printed fabric can be used as a ceiling border and again as a trimming round the door and curtains.

Lastly, a John Siddley idea for a kitchen ceiling, using striped paper. The ceiling is divided into diagonal quarters and the paper carefully taken up to the centre point, with stripes matched. Scallops of

the same paper are taken round the top of the walls.

These four ideas, says John Siddley, are all do-it-yourself jobs. I suggest that if you know you usually rue-it-yourself a simple papering job is a more practical start to ceiling consciousness.

Here are two pieces of expert's advice—

First, never attempt the job alone. The most important part of ceiling papering is the first six inches.

Secondly, always start papering from the window to the other end of the room.

Look Up!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Mr. Punch's Friend

—Raggy Was The Prince Of Scarecrows—

By MAX TRELL

"MR PUNCH," said Knarf, the Shadow Boy with the Turned-Around Name, to his old friend, whom he found sitting at his desk writing a letter, "could you tell me something?"

"Of course, but please wait a moment while I cross my 'Ts' and dot my 'Is'," replied Mr Punch with a pleasant smile.

Knarf waited patiently while Mr Punch crossed his 'Ts' and dotted his 'Is'.

He's ready

"Ah, now I'm ready for you, my Boy. What is it you would like to know?" Mr Punch asked Knarf.

Mr Punch has pushed his glasses back over his forehead. He put his pen back in the holder. The pleasant smile remained on his face.

"I'd like to know," said Knarf, "if there's such a thing as a Scarecrow?"

The pleasant smile on Mr Punch's face gave way to an expression of surprise.

Never saw one?

"What!" he said. "Do you mean to say you've never seen a Scarecrow?"

"No," said Knarf. "My Boy," said Mr Punch. "I feel sorry for you. A Scare-

crow is something everyone should know.

"Take a walk some day along a road in the country where there are cornfields and you will meet a dozen Scarecrows. Why, I know 20 or 30 Scarecrows myself!"

"You do?" gasped Knarf.

Talked to Raggy

"When I was a Boy of your age," continued Mr Punch, "I used to sit for hours talking to Raggy out in the middle of my Grandfather's cornfield. He was one of my very best friends."

"Was Raggy a Scarecrow, Mr Punch?" Knarf asked, although he was quite sure, even before he asked, that he was.

"Raggy," answered Mr Punch, "was more than a Scarecrow. He was a Prince of Scarecrows. There wasn't a Scarecrow for miles around who was as well-dressed and as handsome as Raggy. He was a real Prince of Scarecrows, yes!"

"If he was so well-dressed," said Knarf, "why was he called Raggy?"

How you wear them

"My dear Boy," said Mr Punch, "it isn't how old or torn your clothes are, it's the way you wear them that makes you important."

"Raggy wore his clothes like a true Prince. He had a coat with only one sleeve. His trousers were torn at the top and his knees showed through. His hat was battered and faded. His shoes were both for the left foot. His cane had once been the leg of a chair."

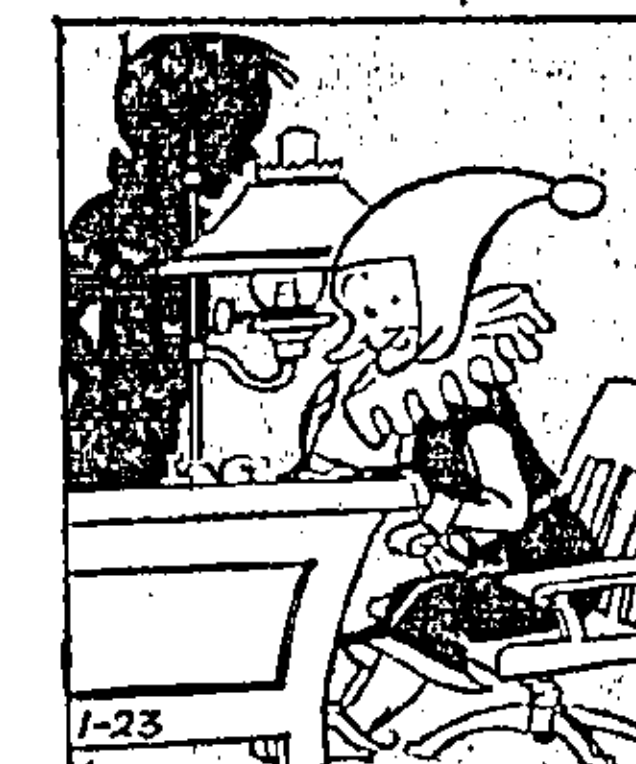
"But did any of this bother him?"

"Did it?" Knarf asked Mr Punch.

Proud Prince

"Not at all. He stood up proudly with head held high and a smile on his straw face."

"Whether it rained or it stormed or the wind blew or the sun shone, Raggy was



"Could you tell me something?" Knarf asked Mr. Punch.

never anything but a proud old Prince, guarding his cornfield.

"I must tell you that he seemed to own the cornfield more than my Grandfather did."

"But did Raggy chase the Crows away?" Knarf inquired of Mr Punch. "Did he keep them from eating the corn?"

Here Mr Punch hesitated. At length he shook his head.

"I'm afraid Raggy was much too fine a Prince to chase anyone as hungry as the Crows," said Mr Punch. "I'm afraid he didn't chase the Crows away at all. No, he let them eat all they wanted."

Didn't like it

"I bet your Grandfather didn't like that," Mr Punch said Knarf.

"You're right," agreed Mr Punch. "Grandfather was very disappointed. He liked Prince Raggy almost as much as I did. But he wanted his corn, too. He didn't mind the Crows eating a bit here and there. He didn't like them eating all the corn."

"So the day finally came when he had to take my friend, Prince Raggy, down. But just before that happened I went to the cornfield and said good-bye to Raggy and let him go."

"You see, a strong wind was blowing. Prince Raggy just took off with the wind. The last I saw of him he was flying over the hill, as proud and fine as ever. And even the Crows were sad to see him go!"

Rupert and the Windies—11



Rupert turns to Pong-Ping. "They're talking about the rocket of Bling's," he says. "It's only sense that I should fetch him to explain." "Oh so, you don't, cries a worried voice from above him and as he starts to move Rupert feels himself grabbed right!"

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A WOMAN'S WORLD

- More wives are going out to work to fill Britain's extra jobs
- More gadgets are going in the home to make living easier

By TREVOR EVANS

THE 'fifties have been the Women's Decade in Britain. More and more wives have gone out to work. More and more things to make life easier have been bought—like refrigerators and washing machines.

The Women's Decade was spotlighted recently by the Treasury, which published a 10-year survey of changing jobs in its "Bulletin for Industry."

The survey reveals that there were 1,500,000 more people at work in Great Britain last year than 10 years earlier.

And of these, 800,000 of the new workers were women.

The number of women at work increased by 12 per cent in the 10 years. Jobs for men went up by 5 per cent.

WHY have the women gone out to work in greater numbers than ever before? Another article in the Treasury's Bulletin gives a clue.

The reason

Money spent on radios, television sets, washing machines, refrigerators and cookers more than doubled during the 10 years.

And the most spectacular rise of all was shown by spin and tumble driers.

IN 1956 home laundering machinery was a new product. In that year only £100,000 (HK\$1,000,000) worth of these driers was sold.

IN 1957 sales shot up to £1,200,000 (HK\$12,000,000). IN 1958 to £3,800,000.

THIS YEAR they will be about £7,300,000 (HK\$73,000,000)—a 73-fold increase in four years!

Washing machine sales have gone up by 50 per cent this year compared with last year.

Refrigerator deliveries in the first half of this year were nearly double those in the first half of 1958.

Sales of Cookers, electric and gas, were two-thirds higher this year than last.

And inevitably, the more women go out to work, the greater the need for labour-saving gadgets at home.

Massive changes have taken place in the pattern of jobs during the last 10 years, both in the type of industry and in the regions.

Over border

Scotland and Wales were the "supplying areas" to some parts of England. Although there were more people working in Scotland in 1958 than in 1948 there was a net loss through migration of 37,000 men and 17,000 women. And 10,000 men and 12,000 women left Wales.

Most of them went to London and the South-East, or to the Midlands. But even within the prosperous regions there was massive migration—an army on the move, with an average of 443,000 workers each year cross-

ing regional boundaries to go to new jobs.

DOMESTIC SERVICE has shrunk most of all in these 10 years. At the start of the 'fifties there were 517,000 in private domestic service. At its end 313,000.

And the "living-in" domestic servants had been reduced by half—to 92,000.

Fewer people were employed, too, in agriculture, Government service, railways, textiles, coal-mines and shipbuilding.

But "on the up" were professional services and shops, with an increase of more than 1,000,000 workers. The metals, engineering and vehicles trades improved by 700,000. And the food, drink, and tobacco trades found jobs for another 173,000.

Hash With Dash

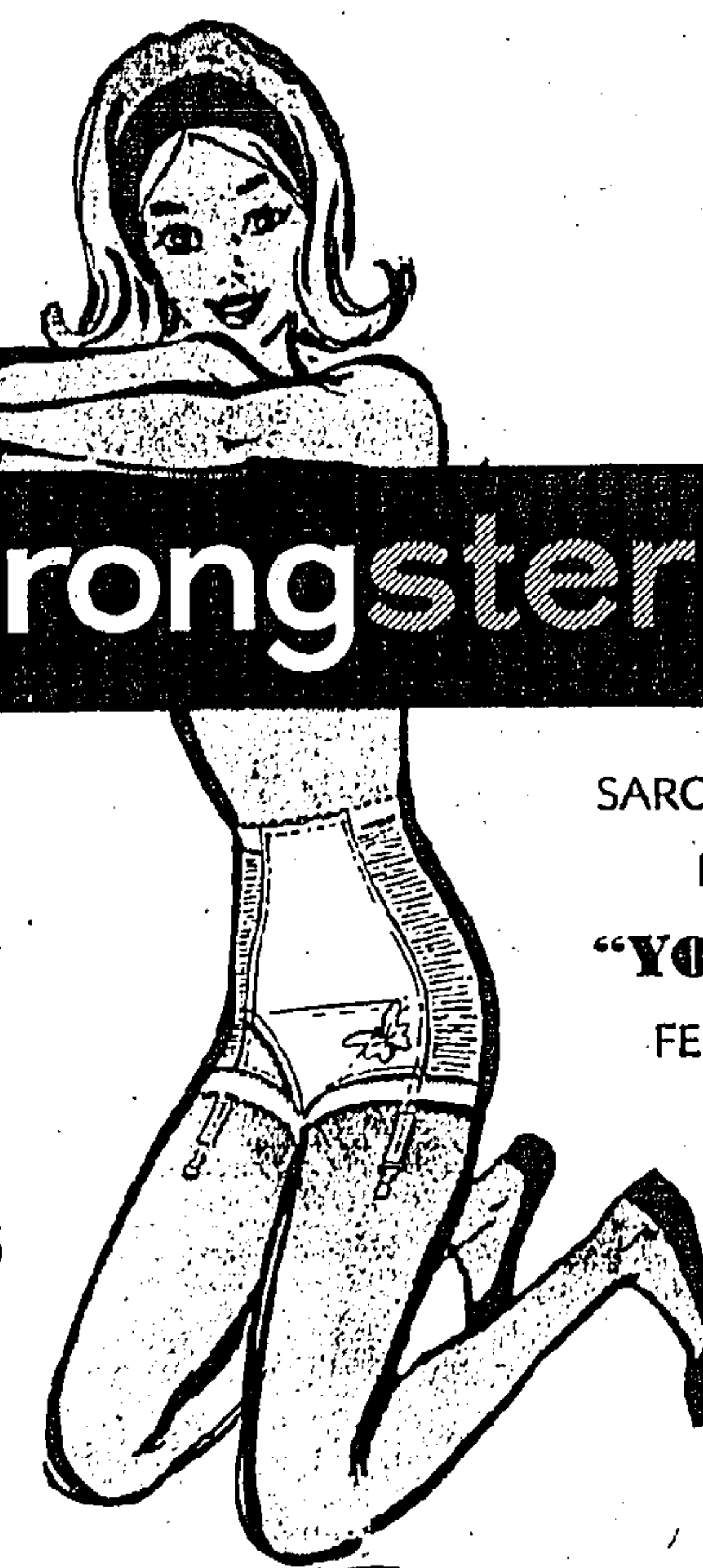
Hash served aflame with brandy will make even leftovers taste like party fare. Warm 4 ounces cognac in a saucepan, ignite it with a match and pour it blazing over a heaping bowlful of hash. The alcohol burns away, leaving a delicious flavour.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): A new venture may not look too promising for a start, but if you stick to it and don't lose patience, you will make it a success.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): Flattery from a stranger should not prompt you to spend money which you know should be applied to a more useful purpose.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may be invited to a large gathering over the weekend. Be prepared to maintain your reputation as a witty talker.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): At a family reunion be tolerant of a false step a relative made, if you are convinced that it will not happen again.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Before definitely deciding where to spend your summer holidays, make sure you will be able to afford to visit all the places you have in mind.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): You may soon be offered a position of increased authority and should be glad of the opportunity to show your ability.

LEO (July 22-August 21): The decline of a friendship which seems to have lost its significance should not be too deeply regretted. You will soon meet somebody who will prove a worthy successor.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): By concentrating on your particular subject and learning all you can about it, you will increase your confidence in dealing with any difficulty that may crop up.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): A friend's suggestion will help you to make a wise choice in a household purchase.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Take a friend's criticism in the spirit in which it was

given, and try to learn a valuable lesson for your future conduct.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): It would be a mistake to spend an unreasonable amount of money just to impress a neighbour.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): A neighbour's visit may be a bore to you, but since he is seriously troubled you will help by just listening.

YOUR LUCKY CARD: If this is your birthday, your lucky card, no matter what game you may be playing, ought to be the KING of HEARTS.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

WITH 15 points in high cards South would open one no-trump except for his worthless doubton in hearts.

After North raises, South can revalue his hand to 17 points and has just enough to try for game. His three-spade rebid is eminently correct.

As for North he has a very sound single raise for his partner and is delighted to go on to game.

When each partner bids his hand to the hilt the chances are that careful play will be required to make the game and this hand is no exception.

West starts off with three rounds of hearts, South ruffs the third lead and draws trumps. Then he cashes dummy's ace of diamonds and leads a second diamond toward his queen. Since East holds the diamond king there is nothing he can do to defeat the contract. If he ducks South makes his queen right away and if he goes up South uses it later for a club discard.

Q—The bidding has been:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♠ Pass 3♠ Pass
?

You, South, hold:
♠ 2 3 4 ♠ A 9 7 ♠ K 7 4 3

What do you do?
A—Pass. You don't often drop the bidding at the three level in this sequence but you have already bid this hand to the absolute maximum.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Instead of bidding three spades your partner has bid three hearts. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

NORTH			
♠	KJ54		8
♥	Q432		
♦	A7		
♣	Q53		
EAST			
♠	97		
♥	Q107		
♦	K1053		
♣	Q1082		
SOUTH (D)			
♠	AQ832		
♥	Q5		
♦	Q82		
♣	AK6		
Both vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
Opening lead—♥K			

THIRD TEST ENDS IN A DRAW

W. Indies fail by 55 runs to score 230 in 245 minutes

Kingston, Feb. 23.

England thwarted West Indies' bid to win the third Test here today and the six-day match ended in a draw. England thus kept their 1-0 lead in the five-match series. West Indies were set to score 230 runs in 245 minutes but accurate pace bowling by fiery Freddie Trueman, who clean bowled four of the first five batsmen, restricted them to 175 for six wickets by the close.

England, 280 for nine over-night, were all out for 305, leaving the West Indies 245 minutes to make 230 for victory.

The West Indies soon showed their intention of chasing for the runs, but Freddie Trueman struck an early blow for England by bowling opening batsman Easton Morris (1) with only 11 runs on the board.

Conrad Hunte, however, kept the West Indies up with the clock with some steady batting. The West Indies were 30 for one at lunch.

They lost Hunte (40) at 48 and after World and Test record holder Garfield Sobers was run out through a misunderstanding with Rohan Kanhai with the total at 86, the West Indies went on the defensive.

Difficult task

England held up for 45 minutes this morning, while adding 25 runs before Brian Statham was tagged leg before by Sonny Ramadhin for 12.

David Allen, England's not out batsman, had a useful knock of 17 which took 70 minutes.

Allen this morning survived several lb appeals before Gerry Alexander switched the pace attack for the spinners, Ramadhin and Scarlett.

When Ramadhin dismissed Statham it was his 150th wicket in 40 Test matches—the first West Indian to reach that figure.

The task facing the West Indies was extremely difficult because when play was resumed crickets in the pitch were wider than yesterday.

At lunch, the West Indies, with the wickets in hand, needed to score 200 more runs in 210 minutes to level the series. They were then 30 for one wicket.

McMorris, whose chest was injured, was ill enough to open the West Indies innings but England had a casualty—Geoff Pullar being unable to field b.

Victoria finish up as Sheffield Shield runners-up

Melbourne, Feb. 23. A ten-wicket victory over Western Australia today enabled Victoria to finish runners-up to New South Wales in the Sheffield Shield competition.

New South Wales won the Shield with 50 points. Victoria finished with 48 points.

Western Australia, who had followed on 290 runs behind, added only two runs this morning to their overnight total of 333 for nine.

Scores were: Victoria 431 and 46 for no wicket (W. Lawry 38, not out); Western Australia 141 and 335. M. Vernon 105, P. Wishart 57; Meekiff 15 for 82.

World's top drivers to take part in Havana Grand Prix

Havana, Feb. 23.

Next Sunday's Havana Grand Prix motor race, culmination of Havana's "Speed Week", will have a field of 45 drivers from 14 countries.

They will include Australia's Jack Brabham, 1959 world champion, Britain's Stirling Moss, France's Maurice Trintignant, Sweden's Jackie Stenander and America's Harry Schell. Two other stars, the German Wolfgang von Trips and the American Phil Hill withdrew at the last moment.

The Havana Grand Prix was first run in 1958, and this first race was marked by the death of six spectators when a car crashed into the crowd, and by the kidnapping by Fidel Castro's supporters of the then reigning champion Juan Fangio.

This year's race will be run on a circuit of 3.2 miles and there will be 65 laps making a total distance of 208 miles. The course covers airfield runways and public roads.

In addition to the main event, which will carry a prize of \$2,000—a Junior-Formula race of 30 laps will be run earlier in the day. The Grand Prix race will not count towards the world championship.

Other drivers taking part will include Carroll Shelby of U.S.A. on a Matra and Britain's Colin Davis on a Cooper-Maserati.—AFP.

BURNLEY GOES INTO LAST EIGHT OF FA CUP

London, Feb. 23. Burnley qualified for the quarter-finals of the English FA Cup when they confidently beat Bradford City 5-0 in the fifth round replay at Burnley tonight.

Burnley will next meet Blackpool in an all-Lancashire clash.

Two goals in the first eight minutes virtually ended the hopes of Bradford, sole survivors from the third division.

Ray Pointer and Jimmy Robson each scored two goals and John Connolly got the other one.

Burnley's victory means that they will be six first division teams and two from the second division among the last eight in the competition.

In the night's only first division League game, Wolverhampton Wanderers jumped above Burnley into second place, one point behind Tottenham Hotspur, but they made heavy weather of repeating their Cup win over Luton Town. They won 3-2, after Luton had led 2-1—Reuter.

It was the fifth run-out for the West Indies in the series. Despite the trouble with his boots and blistered feet, Statham was also doing good work by bowling tight. The atmosphere was tense all round the ground.

Trueman returned for Statham and struck yet again. With his third ball, he sent Seymour Nurse's off-stump flying.

The Yorkshire fast bowler who had then taken three for 36, claimed all his three wickets with the same type of ball—one that moved off the pitch and took the off-stump.

Kanhai went back on the defensive, though occasionally hitting out, and Reg Scarlett stayed with him to tea when the total was 115 for four.

This left an intriguing situation. With 90 minutes left for play the West Indies needed another 115 runs and England wanted the six remaining wickets.

Surprisingly few balls did the unexpected things on the cracked pitch between lunch and tea.

Booing

Kanhai and Scarlett seemed determined to go for the runs after tea, 11 coming off the first two overs. They included a cover-drive for four by Kanhai on Hillingworth.

With 75 minutes left, West Indies wanted 90 runs. But then Statham, coming on for Hillingworth, had Scarlett bow with his second ball.

Kanhai developed a cramp in the back leg while making a stroke but though Hunte started out as runner he went back.

Kanhai was still in difficulties and was limping so badly that he needed four stitches. It was also feared that he had fractured his jaw, but an X-ray examination showed that this was not so. Nevertheless, he still has a swollen face, and

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Nominate YOUR HONGKONG FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail, My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into account his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play, is:

of the Club.

(Signed)

(NOTE: No person is allowed to vote more than once in this poll.)

England's rugby XV may have to play France without Jeeps

London, Feb. 23.

England's chances in the rugby match against France at Colombes Stadium, Paris, on Saturday depend largely on the fitness of their captain and scrum-half Dickie Jeeps.

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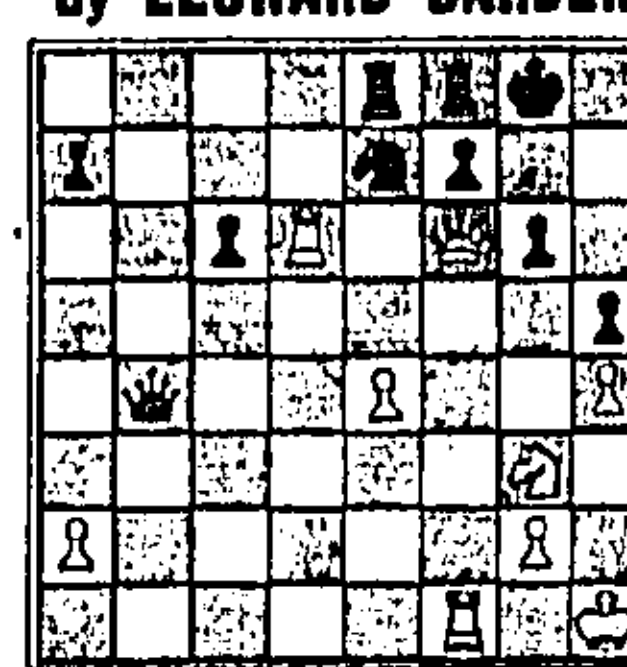
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CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a position won by C. Vining in the British Boys' Championship. White to move and win.

Solution No. 5772: 1 Kt-Q3 (threat 2 Kt-K4), Qb x R; 2 Q x B, or 1. KB x R; 2 Kt-K4, or 1. B x R; 2 R-B5 or 1. B x R; 2 R x B or 1. Kt x Kt; 2 Q-R2.

London Express Service

Only two minor rugby matches scheduled for this afternoon

By PAK LO

It has been officially announced that the two major rugby games scheduled for this evening will not take place, as most of the protagonists are afraid of sustaining injuries before the big Pentagonal clashes this weekend.

Two minor matches are, however, scheduled for this afternoon. At Army's Boundary Street ground at 3.15 p.m., the Whitefield Wanderers clash with the 1st Lions, and, out at Sal Wan, the 32nd Medium and the 5th Field play one another at 3.00 p.m.

Players intending to enter the Sevens teams in the Blarney Stone Sevens-Side Competition are warned to get moving as entries close on the 20th of this month.

So far there have been entries from Civilian teams, the Navy and the Air Force, but the Army sides, though many are known to be willing, have as yet to send in their applications and entrance fees to L. H. Williams, c/o Hongkong Football Club, Happy Valley.

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WINTER OLYMPICS

Lidia Skoblikova first to win two gold medals

Squaw Valley, Feb. 23.

Lidia Skoblikova, 20-year-old student from the Soviet Union, today became the first double gold medalist of the 1960 Winter Olympic Games.

Miss Skoblikova, who set a world record in winning the Women's 1,500 metres Speed Skating title on Sunday, took the 3,000 metres event today in 8 mins 14 secs, half a second outside the seven-year-old world record held by her compatriot, Rimma Zhukova.

Russia in lead

The blonde Russian girl's victory gained her country their fourth gold medal to take them into the lead in the list.

Valentina Stenina, also of the Soviet Union, won the silver medal and Evli Huttunen, of Finland, was third.

Other gold medals today went to Switzerland and Norway.

Later the Women's Figure Skating Championship was to be decided, with the odds on a first victory for the host country through Carol Heiss, holder of the world title.

Yvonne Ruegg, 21-year-old secretary from Chur, won Switzerland's second victory of the Games by taking the Women's Giant Slalom. She swept down the hard, icy course of 1,300 metres, with a vertical drop of 382 metres, in 1 min 39.9 secs to beat 48 rivals from 14 countries.

Penny Pile, of the United States, had been strongly fancied to win the United States' first gold medal of the Games, but for the second time in the Olympics here she had to be content with second place.

Upset

Miss Pile, who clocked one min 40 secs, said afterwards she had a bad chest cold. "I'm so darned sick I don't care what my time is," she declared.

Giuliana Minuzzo-Chenal, of Italy, won the bronze medal. Several "noes" fell on the plump, undulating and treacherous surface.

Hakon Brusevick, 21-year-old sports store owner from Lillehammer, Norway, won the 15 kilometres Special Cross-country Race in an upset performance.

He had not been expected to have the speed to defeat pre-race favourites Sixten Jern-

Now the indomitable two have walked from west to east across the land from St David's Head in Wales to Lowestoft in East Anglia and can claim to be the first to have marched both the length and breadth of Britain.

Army Staff Sergeant Mervyn Evans and Flight Sergeant Patrick Maloney of the Royal Air Force—their names reveal their nationalities—are both stationed at the Depot of the Parachute Regiment at Aldershot. Their "shadow" in the background was Sergeant R. W. Rogers, who followed the marchers with a car containing equipment and food.

All three were on leave and the 352 miles took them in 5½ days through Stratford-on-Avon, Warwick, Northampton, Wellingborough, St Neots, Cambridge, Newmarket and Bury St Edmunds. Both the record makers are 33 and both are physical training instructors.

While Maloney also gives instruction in parachute jumping. They covered 60 miles a day, starting out at about 5 a.m. on a diet of steaks—Banquets Service.

Lester Piggott married

London, Feb. 23. Lester Piggott, 24, one of Britain's top jockeys, married Susan Armstrong in a quiet church wedding here yesterday.

The 20-year-old bride is the daughter of Mr Sam Armstrong, a Newmarket trainer.

The 60 guests included Mr Noel Murless, Queen Elizabeth's trainer, for whom Mr Piggott rides and several other trainers but no jockeys.

The honeymoon is being spent in the south of France.—China Mail Special.

The guilty man

"Will the owner of car number 30-40 please move it as it is causing an obstruction" came the police message over the loud speaker at a senior amateur match in Hertfordshire.

To the surprise of players and spectators alike, the referee blew his whistle, dashed off the field, returned 90 seconds later, dropped the ball and resumed the game as if nothing had happened.—Banquets Service.

THE GAMBOLS

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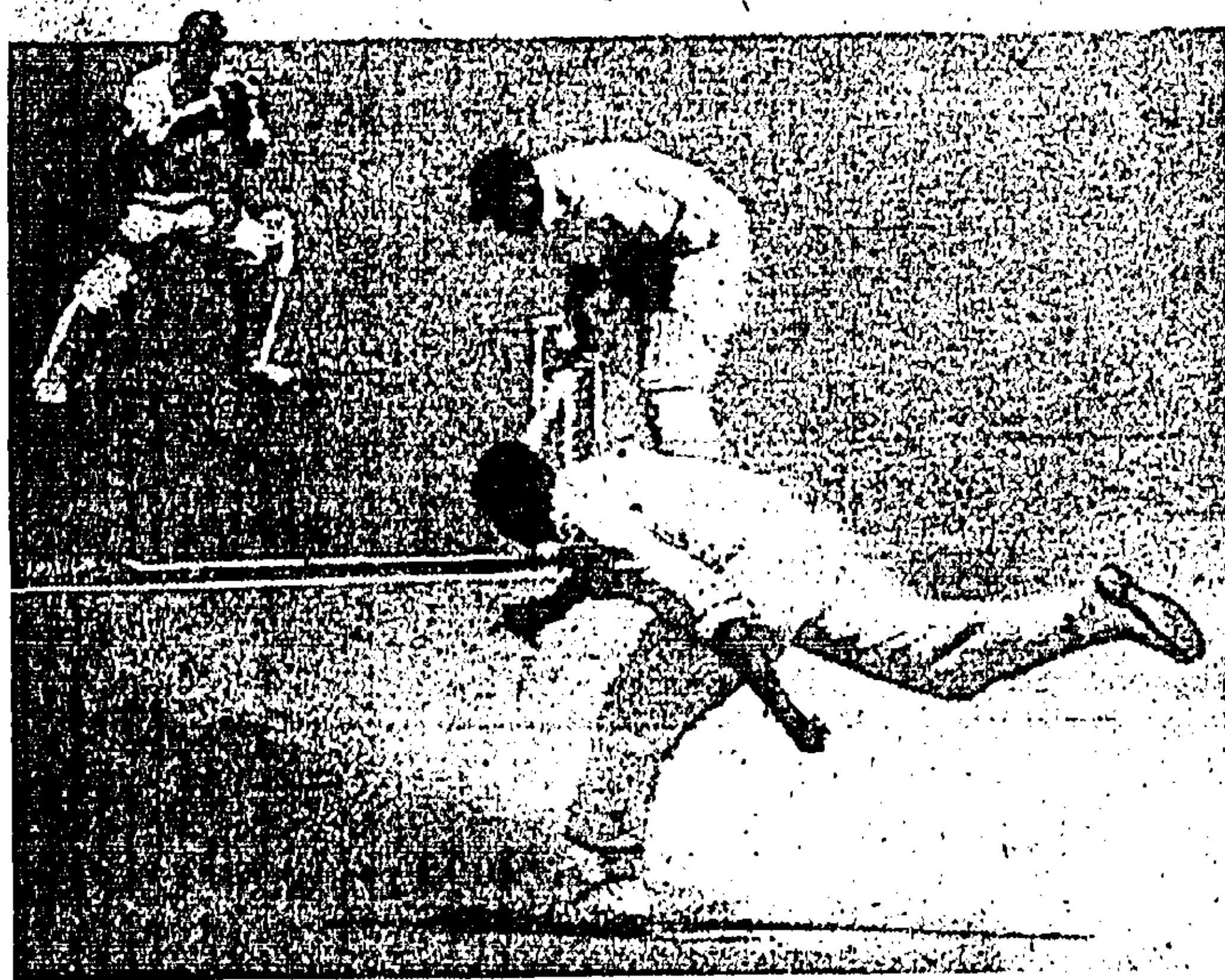


SPORTS PICTORIAL



ABOVE: Photo shows Miss Choy Yuk-ngan, of the Lady Ho Tung Hall, who took top honours in the women's events at the Hongkong University Athletic Meeting at Pokfulam last Saturday, winning the 100 yards sprint in fine style from Miss Chun Yin-yee in 13.4 seconds. The Governor, Sir Robert Black, who attended the meeting is seen in the background (with hat on) among the interested spectators.

LEFT: A new Colony squash champion was crowned on Monday when Capt M. J. Perkins, a former English amateur international, beat D. G. Coffey in the final of the Colony Championship at the Victoria Barracks by 9-6, 9-6, 10-6. Photo shows the champion (left) and the runner-up with their trophies after the match.—China Mail Photos.



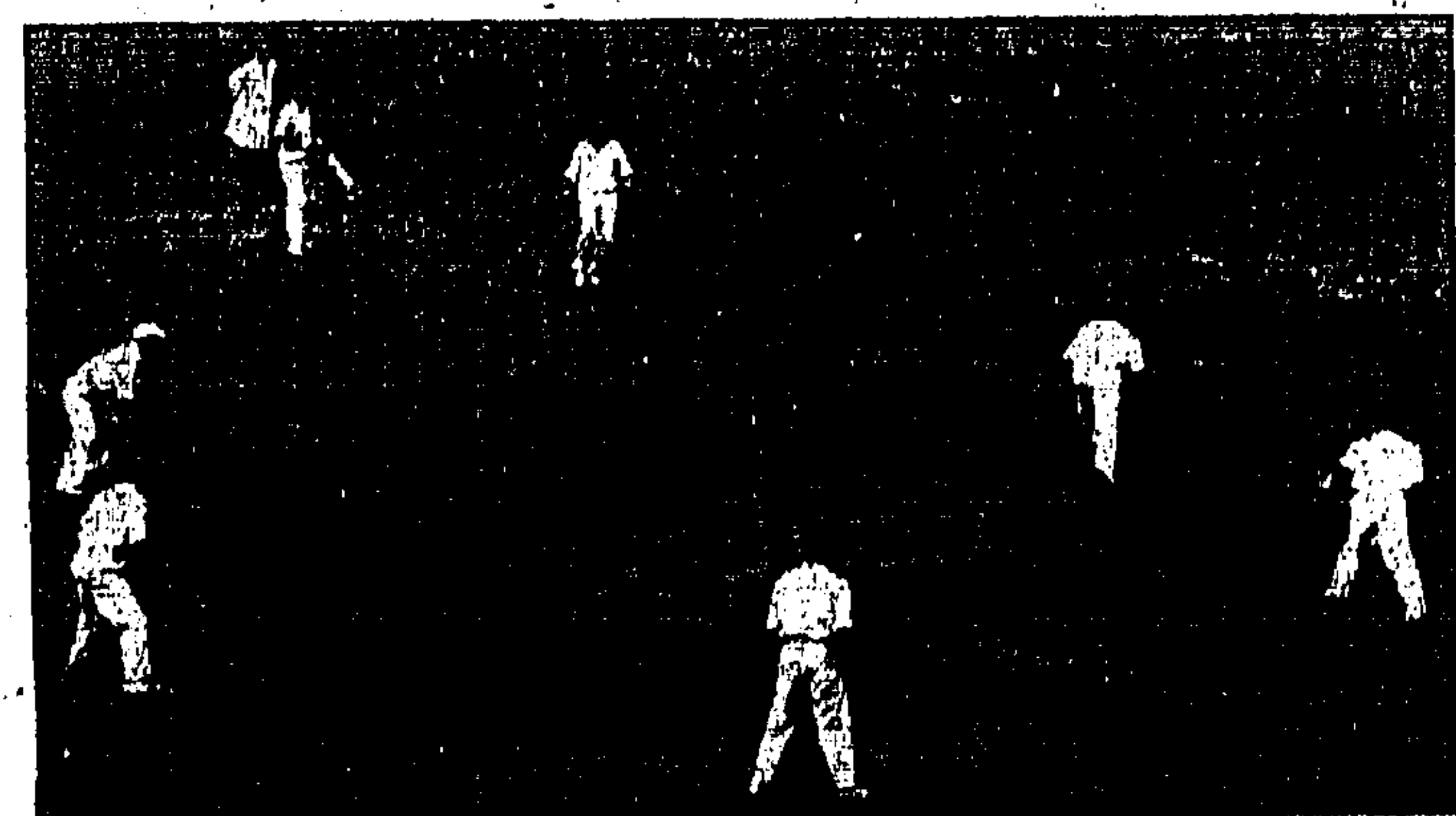
Cheung Kung-wo breasts the tape well ahead of his rivals in the 200 metres event at the Queen's College annual athletic sports at the South China AA Stadium last Friday. Cheung not only helped Kay House to win the Inter-House championship but succeeded also in annexing the "A" Grade individual title with 28 points.—China Mail Photo.



ABOVE: The West Indies "bumper" attack in full gear on the first day of the third Test between England and West Indies at Sabn Park. Here Colin Cowdrey ducks under one from Wesley Hall.

LEFT: Kitchee goalkeeper Won Siu-woo goes flat out to make a good save during the semi-final Senior Shield match between Kitchee and South China at the Hong-kong Stadium last Saturday. The game ended in a 1-1 draw.—China Mail photo.

BELOW: Brigade, first division cricket league leaders until last Saturday, suffered their first defeat of the season on Saturday when they lost to Craigengower Cricket Club in an exciting finish by one wicket. Inter-keeper Hui Dhanber was in brilliant form with the ball, taking four valuable Brigade wickets for 30 runs. Photo shows Brigade opening batsman and skipper Arnold being clean bowled by Dhanber after scoring 20 runs.—China Mail photo.



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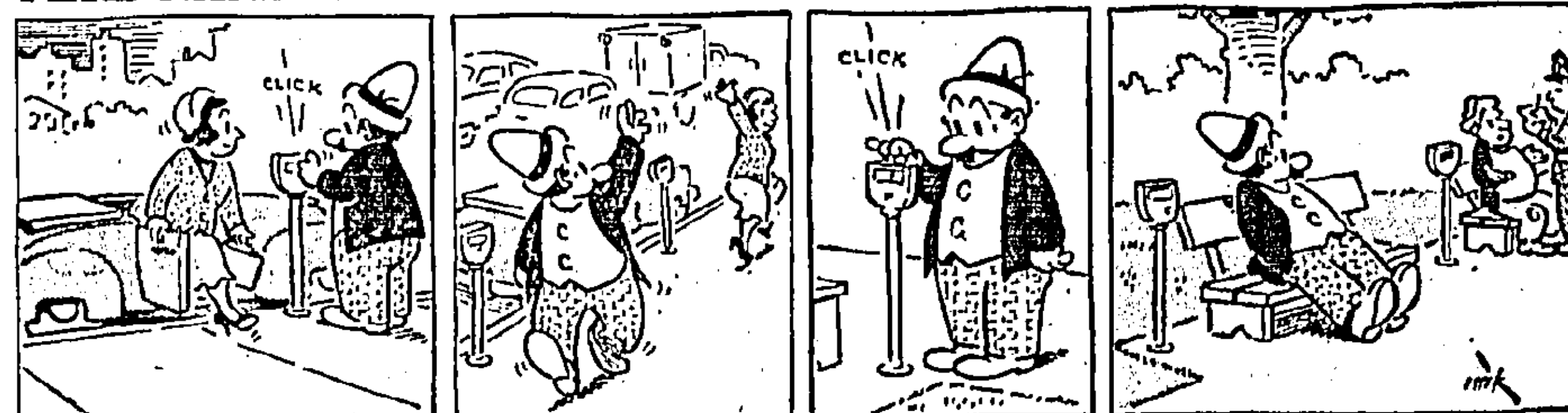
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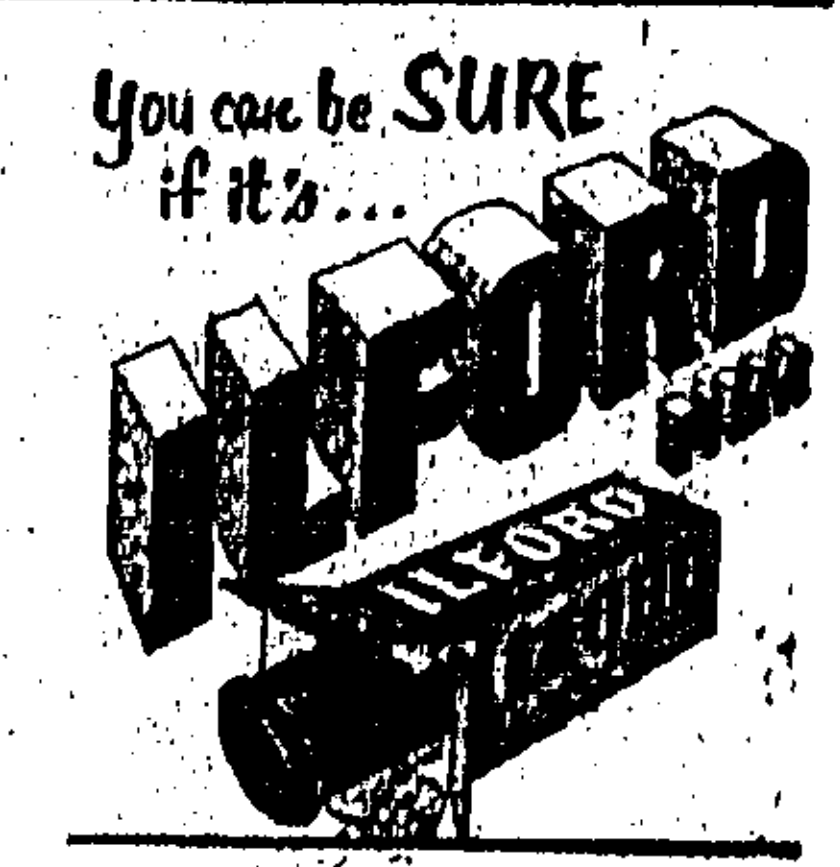
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PING CHAU MURDER TRIAL

Court visits crime scene

The judge, jury and court officials in a Criminal Sessions trial went to the site of the now Queen Elizabeth Hospital at King's Park, Kowloon, this morning, to inspect the scene of an alleged murder.

Last November 24 a woman, Tse Ping, and her eight-month-old daughter, were found seriously wounded in a fourth floor room of the partly-constructed hospital. The woman later died.

Mok Ma, a 22-year-old foreman on the site, pleads not guilty to murder.

An earth cooler, Leung Kee, told the court this morning that she was clearing debris from a fourth floor room the morning the woman was found.

Witness said that the accused came into the room where she was working and detailed her and another couple to go and clear up the roof of a nearby building.

He then went into the next room and found the unconscious woman and child. Mok returned and asked Leung why the woman was lying there.

RAN DOWN STAIRS
Mok then ran down the stairs, to raise the alarm, Leung said.

Cross-examined by Mr Oswald Cheung, defending the accused, Leung said she had not seen or heard Mok before he came to tell her to work elsewhere. She had not heard anyone shouting or talking either.

Mr Cheung then asked Mr Justice W. A. Blair-Kerr if the court might go to the hospital site, so that the witness could point out the room in which she was working, and the room in which the woman was found.

Mr D. N. E. Bea and Mr W. S. W. Davidson, Crown Counsel, are prosecuting, and Mr Cheung is instructed by Mr M. Wong of Messrs Deacons.

The hearing continues.

Accused claimed attack by mother-in-law

A prosecution witness in the Ping Chau murder trial said this morning that the accused had claimed that his mother-in-law had chopped him.

The witness, Chung Chong-shing, said he was awakened by noises from the street early on November 6 and when he reached the street, he saw the accused bleeding from the thigh. The accused had also claimed that he had failed to "catch" his mother-in-law.

The accused, Lam Man-hung, a shop proprietor in Wing On Street, Ping Chau, is accused of murdering his mother-in-law, Wong Tai-mui, on November 6. Wong's mutilated body was found under a cooking stove in the shop on November 8, the prosecution said.

Food shop

Chung testified this morning that he was the landlord of No. 14 Wing On Street, and the accused ran a cooked food shop on the ground floor.

About 11.30 p.m. on November 5 last year, he returned home from a film show and as he went to his quarters he noticed the accused boiling noodles on the ground floor. Chung said he went to sleep shortly afterwards but was disturbed by some noises from the street. It was then 2.30 a.m. on November 6.

He said he looked into the street and later went downstairs where he saw the accused with another man, Chow Fong. He noticed a wide wound on the accused's thigh just above the knee. It was bleeding. Chung said he then heard the accused say, "I was chopped by my mother-in-law once with a knife. I failed to catch her and she ran away." Chung said he then returned to his quarters, fetched some powder and applied it to the wound.

Saw blood

He added that he noticed some blood on the ground floor. Another witness, Chiu Shui-hing, who also lived in Wing On Street, said about 2 a.m. on November 6, she heard a woman's voice shouting "Save life." She then awakened her husband who went out to investigate. She said she could not recognise the voice.

Rice distribution



Mr Bhagwan M. Hiranand handing rice to an old woman at the Hindu Temple this morning. The distribution is at right—China Mail Photo.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Suzie Wong

Sir—I am quite sure that Richard Mason, the author of "The World of Suzie Wong" must be one of the most contented writers alive today, and more so since his recent visit to Hongkong and the state of publicity over the filming of his book after his departure. If I were to tell him "please do not try and emulate Shakespeare next time you write a love story," I can well imagine what his reply would be!

To the modern generation "The World of Suzie Wong" will soon be classified as "literature" and "horror" and "Juliet" an unneeded, forgotten pornographic love story written by an ancient libertine.

Ex-director Jean Negulesco is now quoted as saying "This book of Suzie Wong is full, beautiful story—but above all it's earthy and that's what the public love—earthiness."

The play of the book has been described as a bad, immoral play because it only pretends to challenge the moral standards of the majority for the sake of sensationalism, but apparently translated into a film it all becomes "beautiful."

In the name of heaven, let us keep a sense of perspective as to what is a classic and what is not. Of course the public likes "earthiness" or "sex"—call it what you will—otherwise half the cinemas in the world would be empty, but black is still black except to the colourblind. THOMAS CRISP.

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Sir—Whatever "The World of Suzie Wong" will turn out to be, it cannot be more diverting than Mr Steve Dunleavy's report.

Mr Jean Negulesco's "crown prince of movie directing" tag is presumably based on his "declaration of ability," and Mr Ray Stark's "almost idealistic millionaire" one presumably on his uncharitable conception of Suzie's character.

The public love earthiness. Does Mr Negulesco mean the "A Certain Smile" brand of earthiness? And who is this man James Patrick? N. T. CHOW.

Superb effort

Sir—With all respect to furrin powers who have been shamefully lampooned, may I congratulate your cartoonist Jak for yesterday's superb effort. For once he has surpassed even the great Gills. BOSUN'S MATE.

Treacly style

Sir—I can't help wondering if the famous men and well-dressed women whom "I at the Keyhole" describes each Tuesday are as nauseated by her treacly style of writing as I am. PATRICK KNOX.

Thefts from premises

A portable radio, valued at \$230, was stolen from 66 Kimberley Road, second floor yesterday afternoon.

Earlier in the day, a quantity of clothing and a sum of money to a total value of \$124 were missing from 9 Wing Lee Street, ground floor.

Big compensation asked in tenancy case

The managing partner of a women's store asked for compensation totalling more than the rent paid since 1945, Mr Leo d'Almada, QC, pointed out during exemption proceedings before Tenancy Tribunal this morning.

During cross-examination of the client of Mr R. W. S. Winter (instructed by Peter Mo and Co.), Mr d'Almada said that even if the rent of the ground floor premises of Man Shan store at 35 Nathan Road had been \$625 monthly since 1945, and in fact it had been less for many years, the compensation asked was more than the total rent paid.

"You must have a ground floor shop facing Nathan Road of the same dimensions you now occupy," asked Mr d'Almada. "Yes, that would be best," replied the businessman.

The worst?

"We can't always have the best. How much do you want in compensation for these premises?"

"\$200,000 would be the best." "And the worst?" said Mr d'Almada.

"More than \$100,000," came the reply.

When the proceedings for the proposed \$14 million "Tsimshatsui Mansion" scheme opened today, Mr C. C. Cheng, architect, was in the box for a further hour answering questions about proposed amendments to enlarge flats and decrease the number of flats per floor.

Mr Winter suggested that considerable structural alterations would be caused, but Mr J. E. Dargan, President of the Tribunal, compelling Mr Au-Yang Yick-tung and Major A. N. Braude, said that structural alterations would not arise if the plans were amended before the premises were built.

When the case for the applicants, the Ming Man Land Investment Company was complete, Mr Winter called his clients to give evidence of their circumstances.

The managing partner of the store at No. 35, ground floor, trading as Lamson Tailor, said he had 32 employees whose families would suffer if the shop were closed. He said that the store made European-style clothing, mostly for the tourist trade and it was impossible to find alternative premises suitable for that type of business in the locality.

He had a workshop at 31 Nathan Road, third floor, which was larger than the courtroom, for which he paid \$200 rental.

Factories fined for contravening labour laws

A 13-year-old girl lost the tip of her right index finger performing a job in a metal factory which Labour Officer Dennis Chow said should have been done by an adult.

The accident, which occurred last August, resulted in the proprietor of the works, the Wing Lok Metal Factory of No. 11 Tai Hum Village, Kowloon City, being summoned for contravening the labour laws by employing a child in an industrial undertaking.

The factory proprietor was fined \$400 by Mr E. Corbally at Kowloon Court this morning. The defendant pleaded in mitigation that his was a family business on a small scale and he had only just entered the trade.

Rest period

Another factory fined for breach of the labour laws was the Koon Chen Kow Knitting Factory of 318 Un Chau Street. The undertaking was summoned for employing 48 women at work during the rest period on November 23 last.

Mr Dennis Chow explained that the factory proprietor had been permitted to have a different rest period, but when the term expired, he failed to renew his application.

The defendant firm, according to Mr Chow, had one previous conviction for employing 75 women working after 8 p.m. last December.

The proprietor pleaded guilty and was fined \$250.

The Sun Sang Hop Kee Weaving and Dyeing Factory of 515, Shun Ning Road, ground floor, was fined \$300 when the proprietor pleaded guilty to two summonses for employing more than 20 women at work after 8 p.m. on separate nights last November.

Ten others

Ten other factories in Kowloon were summoned and the proprietors were fined sums ranging from \$80 to \$200 for breaches of the regulations by employing young persons at work after 7 p.m., allowing women at work after 8 p.m. and employing children in industrial undertakings.

Fined for overstaying in Colony

A husband and wife, Li Hsin, 56, and Chang Ming-niang, 35, were fined \$50 each by Mr Derek Cons of Central Magistracy this morning for overstaying in the Colony.

Sub-Inspector K. P. Clark, prosecuting, said that the defendants were arrested yesterday at 28 Ming Yuen Street West. They were granted a direct transit visa by the British Consul in Macao and arrived here on the mv Fatshan on Saturday.

Inspector Clark added that the defendants were permitted to land and remain here until Monday when they were required to leave by the mv Tiwang. They failed to join the ship which left at 2 p.m. that day for Djakarta.

Inspector Clark also informed the court that the next ship was due to leave on Friday and the defendants would leave by it.

Emergency operation

Mrs Robert Lehman, wife of a partner in the New York banking firm of Lehman Brothers, underwent an emergency appendectomy at Matilda Hospital last night.

Mrs Lehman was stricken yesterday and taken to hospital after doctors diagnosed an attack of acute appendicitis. She was reported in satisfactory condition today.

Mr Lehman is one of the original directors of Pan American World Airways. He and his wife arrived here on Monday with other members of the PAA board in the course of an around-the-world trip. The group was scheduled to leave for Japan today.

From the Files
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February, 1935

WIDESPREAD regret will be felt at the death of Mr John Edward Mitchell, Steward of the Hongkong Club, which occurred at the French Hospital. He was 42 years old.

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Mr W. H. Nee of Shanghai who is believed to be the first person to have travelled all the way to Canton by motorcar, arrived last Sunday in his Baby Ford, 11 days after leaving Shanghai.

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MR G. B. Gifford Hull, resident engineer of the Shing Mun dam scheme is leaving for London today by the P and O liner, Rajputana.

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From the SCM Post 25 Years Ago column: "A northern contemporary calls attention to wants, both of which equally apply to Hongkong. The first is the establishment of a reputable firm of bill collectors and the abolition of the army of shroffs who fatten on the profits of commission and exchange."

"The second is the collection of all waste paper and the establishment of a coarse paper mill for its remanufacture. An immense quantity of waste could be turned to good account."

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THE Chief Justice's court yesterday presented the appearance of a counterfeiter's shop with all the materials and apparatus for the manufacture of fake Hongkong ten-cent pieces spread on the floor and solicitor's table.

Mr A. Jackson, the Government Analyst, said a ladie he had discovered in the room of the three accused contained tin, antimony and lead which was suitable for making counterfeit coins.

Moulds had been made from pieces of Paris, cement or burnt limestone which was found by the police, and cyanides containing silver solution had been used in conjunction with zinc to effect the silver deposit coating.

All the materials were present for making imitation coins. The three men were convicted, two sentenced to six years' hard and one to four years'.

Gowns of distinction

at Paquerette's
"Oriental Boutique"

Room 321 Gloucester Bldg. 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Child beggars to get special cards

Hongkong's card scheme for beggars has been extended to include special cards for child beggars. This was announced this morning by the Secretary of the Hongkong Council of Social Service, Miss C. Madge Newcombe.

The cards are coloured orange and yellow. Miss Newcombe said they had been devised so that child beggars could get help and advice.

Welfare organisations supporting the scheme include the Family Welfare Society, Lutheran World Service, Salvation Army, Yauwatt Welfare Centre, Shamsuipo Welfare Centre and Kowloon City Welfare Centre, Kowloon; Happy Valley Welfare Centre, Happy Valley; Valley Welfare Centre, Shaukiwan; Welfare Centre, Western District; Welfare Centre and St. James Settlement in Hongkong.

Explained

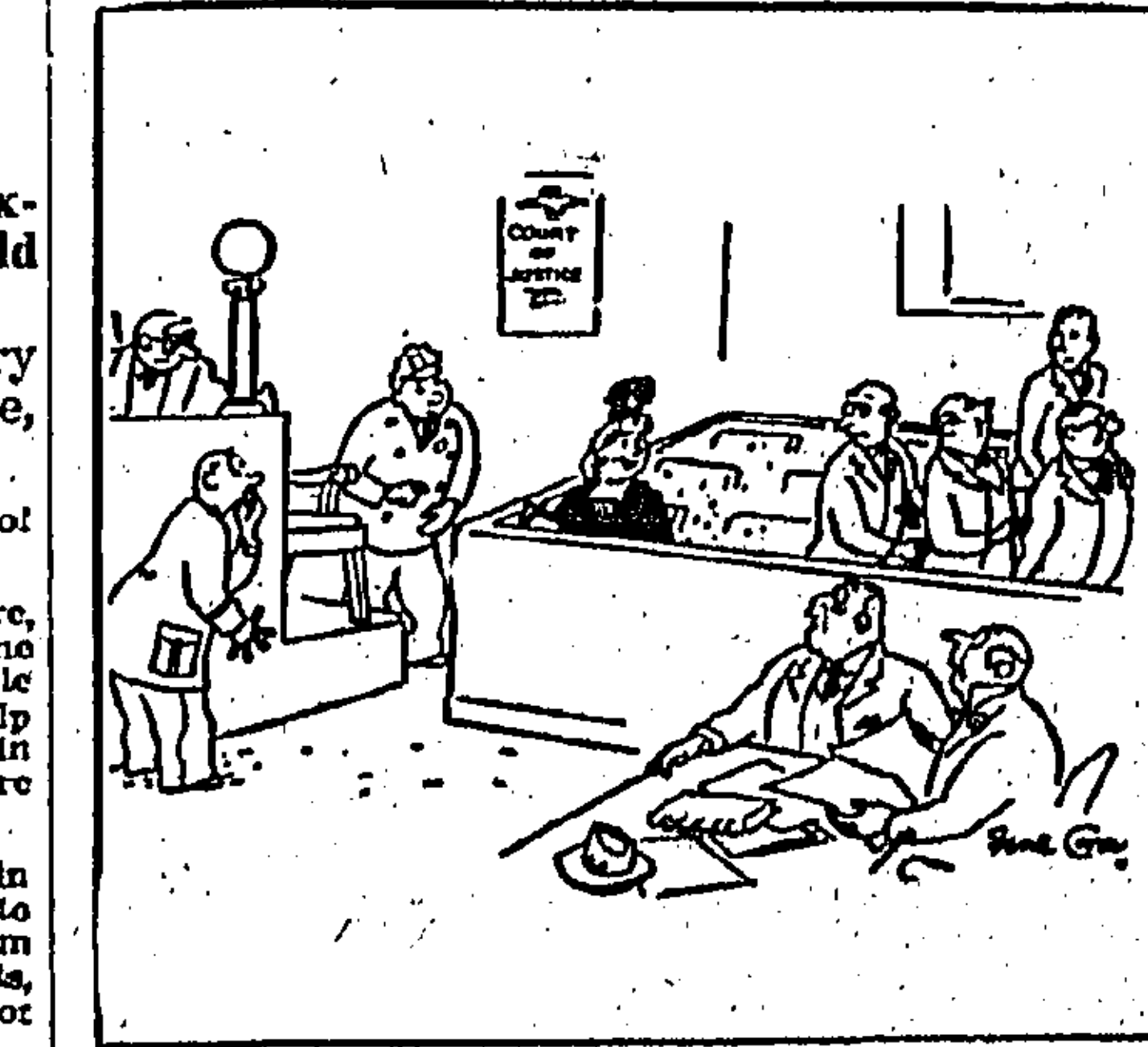
In a letter explaining the scheme, Miss Newcombe says: "There is no need for anyone to beg in the streets of Hongkong."

"The social services here, both Government and the voluntary agencies, are capable of supplying the kind of help that anyone who is really in distress may need, and they are anxious to do so."

"Please do not be misled in pity by handing out money to child beggars, many of whom are only being used by adults, or to any street beggars of house callers."

Miss Newcombe said cards could be given to street beggars, people who beg at doors, cat cleaners, children and others. She adds: "Please do not hand out money, but use the cards instead."

This funny world



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Not so gloomy
budget

THE question before the budget was introduced, was not whether the Government would raise taxes, but how much. The higher duties on petrol and tobacco will be criticised because they fall largely on those who are already good customers of the Inland Revenue Department, but there will be a widespread sigh of relief that nothing more drastic in these times of fantastic expenditure, has been proposed.

Mr. Clarke has almost put himself on a friendly footing with taxpayers by announcing that as much as 80 per cent of the money for this year's public works will be drawn from reserves, though, perhaps the more cheerful reply that it is high time he did. We agree greater use must be made of these funds but feel it is fair that taxpayers should bear part of the burden.

Meeting to be called to discuss Budget decisions

TAXIS MAY RAISE FARES

Reaction to increased duty on petrol

Taxi owners in the Colony are to hold a meeting on whether to apply to Government for an increase in fares following yesterday's decision to put up the duty on petrol. The new duty will affect most taxis in Kowloon. But two big taxi companies in Hongkong run mainly diesel vehicles.

Big military build-up around Israel

Beirut, Feb. 24. Intensive military preparations are being made in Egypt, Syria and Israel, qualified sources reported today.

Threat made to Aintree owner



MIRABEL TOPHAM

Liverpool, Feb. 24. Mrs. Mirabel Topham, Aintree racecourse chief, said today she had been threatened with violence if she went ahead with this year's Grand National—one of the toughest races held in the world.

She said the trouble apparently began when reports appeared last year saying that 17 horses had been injured.

The race, over a four-and-a-half-mile course containing 22 fences, among them a water jump, is scheduled for March 26. In last year's race, only four horses out of 34 starters completed the course.

SABOTAGE

Mrs. Topham also said she had received letters from people threatening to sabotage the course and jumps.

As a result, she added, she was cancelling the traditional "Jump Sunday" a week before the race when the public is allowed to inspect the course.

"Some of the threats," she said, "involved the burning down of fences and making suggestions like, 'We will come in a body and stop the race — you will see!'" — Reuters.

The reports have created alarm and tension.

In Tel Aviv, an Israeli Army spokesman said here tonight the Army General Staff is closely watching latest activity.

Unofficial reports, from usually reliable sources, said considerable UAR troop movements had been observed in the past 24 hours eastwards across the Suez Canal into northern Sinai.

Greatest

One report said the buildup was the greatest noticed in Sinai since the Suez crisis of 1956 and was concentrated at the key positions of El Arish and Abu Ogella, former Egyptian strongholds in northern Sinai and the scene of bitter fighting between Egyptian and Israeli troops in November, 1956.

Observers in Tel Aviv said that since then the UAR had only a token force stationed in the area.

Observers here said tonight that tension between the UAR and Israel had been steadily rising in the past few weeks.

Following armed clashes on the Israel-Syria border there has been a series of declarations by President Nasser which Israeli officials regarded as heralding a hotter phase in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Warning

Warnings about the seriousness of Israel's security have been uttered in the past few days by her Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben Gurion.

Today, Mr. Ben Gurion again referred to these dangers when he addressed the Knesset, (Parliament) in a reply to Opposition speakers on the issue of military rule in border areas.

Observers here noted indications of security precautionary measures being heightened up in the past few days.—Reuters and AP.

Owner of one of the biggest Kowloon taxi companies, Mr. Tsan Yung, Managing Director of the Blue Taxiways Ltd., told the China Mail this morning that the rise in the price of petrol was a big blow to the taxi business.

His company, which operates 29 cars, will pay \$200,000 more a year because of it.

He said a small increase in fares would not affect the taxi business but a big one might adversely affect their turnover.

Another taxi company owner who runs 84 cars on the Hongkong side and also on the Peak said there will be no changes in our fares "because almost all his cars were diesel operated."

Diesel operated

Mr. Young Tsan-wai, Director of the United Delivery Ltd., told the China Mail the bulk of his company's business was in long distance haulage which depended on diesel. A small portion of the business on short hauls however required petrol.

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Prices raised

All the oil companies raised their prices as from 2 p.m. yesterday. Premium petrol now sells at \$2.90 a gallon while standard grade sells at \$2.65. The duty went up by 45 cents.

Officials of the oil companies said it was too early to assess what effect the increase would have on their sales.

The oil firms received notice of the new duty from Government yesterday and immediately sent out letters to their sales stations to adjust the price meters on the petrol pumps. By 2 p.m. their respective clients were charged accordingly.

Writers-studio agreement

Hollywood, Feb. 24. The Writers Guild today announced an agreement with Universal International studios that would give writers a share of profits from sale of post-1948 U-I theatrical films for home or pay television.

It was the first breakthrough in the strike by writers against the major movie studios and television. The Screen Actors Guild yesterday announced it would strike on March 7 against makers of theatrical movies, with residual rights to post-1948 films, also a central issue.—UPI.

7 FIRE VICTIMS

Nagoya, Feb. 25. Mrs. Kazuo Takata and her seven children were burned to death today when a fire started by careless handling of a charcoal stove destroyed their home.—UPI.

Big Ben is leaning

London, Feb. 23. The Big Ben clock tower, which rises 320 feet over the Houses of Parliament is leaning 15 inches out of the vertical, MP's were told today.

The Victoria Tower at the other end of the building is also leaning at the same angle.

But Lord John Hope, Minister of Works, said there was no cause for concern about the safety of the towers though they were being closely watched. There was no indication that the tilt in either tower was of recent development.

There was laughter when a Labour Member Mr. Marcus Lipton urged the Minister to "try to get things straightened out as soon as he could."

He added "London has sufficient tourist attractions without adding the leaning towers of Westminster to them."

TOBACCO PRICES UP AS FROM TOMORROW

The price increase in cigarettes, tobacco and cigars will operate from tomorrow.

This was announced today by the General Manager of the British-American Tobacco Co., Mr. K. C. Johnson-Hill who released the new table of prices.

Mr. Johnson-Hill said in releasing the new price list that his company does not expect "any appreciable drop in sales."

Here is the new price list:—

- A packet of 10 cigarettes, increased by 5 cents;
 - A packet of 20 cigarettes, increased by 10 cents;
 - A tin of 50 cigarettes, increased by 55 cents;
 - A two ounce tin of tobacco, increased by 25 cents.
- Mr. Johnson-Hill said that the price of cigars, most of which differ in size and weight will be increased in price commensurately to cover the new duty tax.

THE COUNTESS WAS ILL A YEAR AGO

London, Feb. 24. Countess Mountbatten had been ill a year ago but had been well since, a cousin of Lady Mountbatten said today.

She was Countess Brecknock who is Controller of the Overseas Department of the St John Ambulance Brigade.

Countess Brecknock was at London airport to meet Miss Irene Checkley, St John Headquarters Officer for North Borneo who returned with the body of Countess Mountbatten today.

Lady Mountbatten died in her sleep on Sunday morning at Josselyn while on a tour of the Far East.

FELT BETTER

Miss Checkley was asked if she thought the tour had been too great a strain for Countess Mountbatten.

She said the Countess had been very busy during the eight days in Malaya before going to Borneo, but she had enjoyed the tour of Malaya and said she felt much better after it.

The body was being driven to Ramsey Abbey near Broadlands, home of the Mountbattens, where it will lie to night before being taken to Portsmouth for burial at sea.—Reuters.

HK SHOULD USE CHINA'S WATER

Manchester, Feb. 25. The Guardian said today that Hongkong should accept water supplies from a reservoir to be built in the province of Kwangtung.

This independent newspaper said: "Many people in the Colony looked upon this as an amusing piece of strategy intended to make Hongkong more dependent on China. Perhaps it is."

"But in his budget speech yesterday the Governor, Sir Robert Black, said that he 'very much hoped' that supplies from this source could be arranged. Surely he is right."

"The Chinese Government already has a wide selection of means whereby it could make the existence of Hongkong difficult. Turning the taps off would add to them but... Hongkong would still be no worse off than it is now."

"Until that day comes the people of the Colony might just as well enjoy an extra splash by courtesy of the Chinese while the Public Works Department presses on with its own plans."—Reuters.

Gambling school in slaughter house, alleged by police

A triad member known to have helped operate a "Far Tan" gambling stall inside the Kennedy Tow Slaughter House was sentenced to three months' jail this morning.

Bank of England's surprise move

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Berserk gunman kills four

New York, Feb. 24. A berserk rifleman firing with deadly accuracy killed a truck driver and three women today in a savage gunbattle before he was shot to death while trying to escape from his barricaded home.

Pennsylvania State Police moving in behind a National Guard tank fenced Daniel Raymond, 42, from his home at Chalkhill.

Raymond, who had kept more than 60 police and townspeople at bay for more than nine hours, jumped out of a window of the home and managed to reach his car in the driveway before he was cut down by seven State Troopers using the tank as cover.

VICTIMS

The bodies of three women found outside the home were as yet unidentified.

Other victims were William Burd, about 40, who was dead on arrival at hospital with bullet wounds in the head and chest; Lawrence Swinglish, 20, in critical condition with a wound in the left eye, and Harry Cromwell, 31, in a serious condition with face and neck wounds.

Among others wounded were a man and his two young children, a boy and a girl, who apparently were trapped in their car since early this morning when Raymond began his wild shooting spree.

Police said that during the last phase of the battle a car that had been parked nearby suddenly started up and drove away. A short time later, the man and the two children turned up at the hospital.

CHILD HURT

One child was shot in the right shoulder and the other suffered powder burns.

State Police using a 25-ton National Guard Walker Bulldog tank began to attack the house by firing 250 rounds from a 30-calibre machine gun.

The tank then withdrew but launched a second attack. Twenty minutes later, Raymond was dead.

State Police Sgt. H. M. Jaynes described the daylight gunfight as "a miniature Battle of the Bulge." He said the killings were "murders without motive."

He described Raymond as a lover of guns who had carried a "grudge against the world."—UPI.

The Queen not attending cousin's wedding

London, Feb. 24. The Queen, reportedly continuing with her gentle postnatal exercises, has to miss the wedding of her 36-year-old cousin, Miss Diana Bowes-Lyon, a niece of the Queen Mother, at Westminster Abbey today.

But the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret are going to the wedding, although they have cancelled several social engagements this week because of family mourning for Countess Mountbatten of Burma and the Marquess of Carisbrooke.

"I gather weddings are the last things to be cancelled in cases like this," Mrs. Fenella Bowes-Lyon, mother of the bride, explained to a reporter. The wedding dress is by Peter Somerville.

The Queen has given permission for the reception to be held in St James's Palace this evening.

Unlike the Queen, who is dressed by British designers, Miss Bowes-Lyon bought her wedding dress in Paris from designer Pierre Balmain.

The Duke of Edinburgh will not be at the wedding. He is due to open an Anglican industrial mission centre in south London later today.

"He's wonderful and he doesn't cry much," the Princess said.—Reuters.

'Matty' unconscious

London, Feb. 24. Ninety-year-old feature actor A. E. Matthews was found unconscious at his home today and was taken to a hospital.

Matthews—"Matty" to Britain—is one of the best loved characters in the British theatrical profession.—UPI.

Birthday present

London, Feb. 24. Gov. G. McNeill Williams said he was very pleased yesterday when he received a typical birthday present from his son Gery, a Princeton student.

"Gery called collect to wish me a happy 44th birthday," Williams said.—UPI.

Skiers killed

Albertville, Feb. 26. An Alpine avalanche of snow buried a group of eight young French skiers today. Two were killed. The rest escaped without serious injury.—AP.